



Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 4

Autumn 1st Half Term: September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope that you had a wonderful summer holiday and that your children are refreshed and ready for the new academic year.

Our main topic will start with a **Science** focus about electricity. We will learn how to construct a simple circuit, name the different parts and learn about the purpose of a switch in a circuit. We will also investigate different materials, identifying whether they are conductors or insulators. Our main topic in **History** this term will be learning about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age.

In **English**, we will start by exploring 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and will use this classic text to explore characters, setting, key language and viewpoints. The children will develop their letter writing, narrative and descriptive writing skills during this unit. There will continue to be a focus on learning grammar and punctuation skills, including expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and using apostrophes for possession. This term, spellings will focus on topic vocabulary and homophones. In addition, we will continue daily reading, comprehension activities and handwriting practice.

During **Maths** sessions, we will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction, fractions, decimals and measures. Times tables will continue to be a very important part of your child's learning.

In **RE** we will be reflecting upon our Beautiful World. The children will explore creation stories, ask questions and identify the impact that religion has on people's lives.

Computing will involve discussions and activities based around E-Safety and we will also learn skills linked to other subject areas, such as presentations.

Our **PE** sessions on Mondays and Thursdays will continue to be led by our professional sports coach. Please ensure children have their full PE kits (all named please) in school every day.

Exciting News!

Year 4 are off to Lincolnsfields for their first residential school journey (more information will follow).

Home learning for this term is as follows:

- Home learning folders will be sent home on Friday and are to be handed in on the following Tuesday. Please ensure children complete all home learning. Weekly homework will include a Maths activity, an English or Topic activity and some spellings. A spelling test will take place on a Friday.
- Children should continue to read on a daily basis at home; it is extremely valuable for children to read a range of texts with parents and carers, sharing and discussing thoughts and ideas.
- Encouraging your child to practise their times tables on a regular basis will help many areas of their mathematical learning. Practical activities, such as counting out money at the shops, reading train/bus timetables, telling the time and measuring ingredients when cooking will also help your child develop mathematical skills.

If you have any questions, concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Year 4 team.
Many thanks for your support.

Class teachers: Mrs Lucy Richardson and Mrs Sarah Prados

Date: September 2016