

Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

**Year 4 Class teachers- Miss Watkins and Mr Maguire**

Dear Parent,

Your child will be working on the following curriculum during this term. Please feel free to talk to the Class teacher about any area of this curriculum.

**Mathematics**

In Maths this term, the children will be mostly learning multiplication and division as well as addition and subtraction. Some topics will include the following:

- Building on the 11 and 12x tables
- Mentally multiplying three numbers
- Using column addition and subtraction for both 3-digit and 4-digit numbers.
- Multiplying 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number using a formal written method.
- Dividing 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number using a formal written method.

In Geometry we will be looking at:

- Acute angles
- Obtuse angles
- Acute and obtuse angles in shapes
- Right angles

We ask that the children continue practicing their times tables at home in preparation for our times tables test. Additionally, please complete homework (given out Friday and handed in Tuesday) is also important in aiding the children in their understanding of these topics. If you require any help, please don't hesitate in seeing any Year 4 teacher.

**English-**

**The Lost Happy Endings**

Jub has the important job of ensuring all the Happy Endings of stories are in the right part of the forest when bedtime arrives. She scatters the golden words into the air from a sack. Then one night as Jub traverses the forest, a scary woman snatches the sack from her. How will Jub restore the Happy Endings to their rightful place?

**Writing Outcomes**

- Narrative non-fiction
- Letter
- Persuasive writing

**Grammar Focus**

- Nouns
- Adjectives
- Paragraphs
- Plural and possessive apostrophes
- Verb inflections
- Expanded noun phrases
- Fronted adverbials

**VIPERS**

Daily reading-based learning to improve the quality of children's ability to read and understand the context they are reading

V- Vocabulary I- Inference P- Predict E- Explain R- Retrieve S- Summarise

**Computing**

In Computing, we will be focusing on Writing for different audiences and Effective Searching for the children to explore and discover alternative ways of presenting and searching. This will be used to support the Science, Topic and English curriculum.

**Science**

**States of Matter**. In Science we will be learning about the three states of matter and how they can be changed. We will write a report on how the properties change and what we can do to speed the process up.

**P.E.**

We are taking part in swimming lessons this term. Children will visit the local swimming pool once a week for the duration of the term.

**Music**

In music this term, we will listen to and appraise various songs. We will be using glockenspiels to perform a song about friendship.

**PSHE**

Topics for this term are:  
Think Positive - focusing on mental health. And Life Cycles - how things change.

### Art/DT

In Art we will be doing painting, looking at mixed media: Light and dark.

In D&T we will be looking at the Digital World:  
Mindful moments timer

### Geography

#### Mountains

This half term we will be looking at the mountains of the World and how they were formed. The children will be able to identify these mountain ranges on a map and discuss the climate around them.

### RE

'From Galilee to Jerusalem'

This topic focuses on Jesus' Ministry and his example of love and equality for everyone, no matter how rich or poor they were. We will be learning more about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick.

### Trips and Assemblies

Each week on a Friday afternoon, for the entire Spring term, Year 4 will be going swimming