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September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4,

Welcome back to a new school year and the Autumn Term. We would like to share with you the exciting learning planned for the term. We hope that the information below helps you support your child over the coming term.

### **English**

#### **Reading**

This term we will be looking at the following Learning Objectives and all the success criteria that needs to be covered to obtain the objectives:

- I can identify ways in which authors use similes and imagery in a poem
- I can draw inferences
- I can read and understand stories
- I can identify effective language to describe a setting
- I can predict what will happen next
- I can identify features authors use in fantasy and science fiction stories

We are currently assessing reading levels and providing your child with a book to read in the classroom based on their level. At the moment these books will not be sent home. As well as reading in school we recommend that children read, at home, for fifteen minutes each day. If you need any advice or help with finding the right type of book to read at home, please speak to me.

#### **Writing**

In writing throughout all subjects it is expected that the children will always use capital letters and full stops as well as write using cursive writing. Children in Year 4 will be encouraged to improve their handwriting enough to be given an ink pen licence.

Spellings will be tested each Monday. These spellings will be in line with the National Curriculum spellings for Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4). The spellings will be available on the school website at the start of each week. In addition to this we will also be doing our Star Spellings to ensure the children have a firm knowledge of all required spellings up to Year 4. Your child's star spelling list is being assessed at the moment and lists will be available shortly.

We will be looking at the following objectives this term:

- I can write phrases using similes
- I can write noun phrases
- I can write free verse that contains similes
- I can use co-ordinating conjunctions

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- I can write interesting sentences with fronted adverbials
- I can make accurate use of pronouns
- I can write a narrative using paragraphs
- I can write persuasive statements
- I can write powerful sentences
- I can use powerful verbs
- I can use subordinate clauses
- I can devise useful questions
- I can write dialogue with inverted commas

### **Mathematics**

We will be following the Year 4 National Curriculum maths objectives.

Later in the term will be having weekly times tables tests which will improve recall and accuracy.

Tables are very useful in all aspects of maths and quick recall will help your child develop increased confidence in maths. There will be a weekly twenty minute, on-line, timestables homework each week. This is part of your child's TT Rockstar account. In addition to this there will be a twenty minute homework set on abacus or the school website.

This term we will be starting off with number bonds and place value before moving on to the standard written methods for the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

### **Homework**

All year groups will give a homework update shortly.

### **Science**

In our Science this term we will be studying states of matter with a focus on the watercycle.

### **Computing**

The focus this term is coding. We will be using 'Purplemash' to practise coding skills. Children will design a number of simple computer programmes, designing on paper before using the coding package to bring them to life.

### **History and Geography**

This term we are starting with Geography, looking at where we live. Children will look at the UK, counties, rivers, mountains and settlements. We will finish by focusing on Windsor.

### **Art and Design Technology**

In art we will be looking at the art of Monet and how he portrays water and later in the term, we will create our own pop up books.

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### **Music**

At the moment we are focussing on percussion as we have had to put singing on hold due to the current situation. We hope that singing returns soon.

### **RE**

We start off with our Judaism topic which answers the question: "How special is the relationship Jews have with God?". Then we move on to a Christian topic which focuses on: "What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?"

### **French**

The children will be continuing their French studies by developing increased fluency in the areas covered last year. We start with animals.

### **PE**

PE will take place each Friday with Games adapted for the current situation. Unfortunately competitions have been put on hold for the time being but we will keep you posted as things develop. After half term, the children will be doing dance with a visiting sports coach as well as their usual Friday PE session.

Please support your child with their home learning (See Homework Policy on our website) and remember that learning should be meaningful and fun. If you are experiencing difficulties with homework please do let us know. If you are able to support your child's learning by some visits to places of interest linked to our topics please encourage them to tell us about it.

We will, as always be keeping in touch with Class News.

Kind regards

Mrs Dewar

Class Teacher

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