

Welcome to Year 4

The teachers are Ms. Gough and Miss Day.

Topics and Curriculum

You will find the weekly timetable in your child's diary. Year 4 covers some exciting topics such as:

- **History:** Anglo Saxons and Vikings.
- **Geography:** Weather, mapping and the developing world.
- **Science:** Forces, changing materials, the Earth and beyond, mini-beasts.
- **Art:** 3D modelling, silhouettes, Impressionism, observational drawing, clay masks.
- **Design & Technology:** Money containers, muffins, levers, linkages and pop-ups.
- **Personal, Social & Health Education:** Please see progression map on the PSHE page.
- **Sex & Relationship Education:** changes to body and personal hygiene.
- **Faith and Philosophy:** Christianity and Sikhism and Judaism.
- **Computing:** Coding, research and word processing.
- **PE & Games** includes: Football, netball, rugby, hockey, tennis, rounders, cricket, athletics, dance, gymnastics and fitness.

Homework

Children will normally receive two pieces of homework per week. One will be given on **Wednesday**; it will be **30** minutes of Times Table Rockstars and **30** minutes of Spelling Shed. This is to be completed by **Monday**. This will be commencing the **Week** beginning **14.9.20**.

One homework will be given on a **Friday** once each half term. This will usually be topic or foundation based, which is to be handed in on a date later in the term.

If homework is not completed on time, pupils will go to the **Catch-up Zone** where they must read a book and they will then be expected to complete their homework that evening.

Reading

We ask children to read at **least three times per week at home**. Please spend some time listening to your child read aloud, as well as allowing them time to read alone. Please record in their reading record. This must be **handed in every Monday**. They will be asked to go to the **Catch-up Zone** if this is not handed in or completed.

We ask you to **avoid reading** the books we study in class **at home** which are:-

- "Gangsta Granny" by David Walliams
- "Leon and the Place Between" by Angela McAllister
- "Boy at the Back at the Class" by Onjali Q. Raúf

Visits and trips

To help broaden the children's learning, enjoyment and understanding of their topics, we offer a range of visits and trips. In Year 4, we have the following exciting visits and trips:

- In Year 4 they take part in their first residential trip to Hooke Court in Dorset, for three days in March. Residential trips are a great way for your child to develop independence, build team skills and improve their organisational skills. **We have highly experienced staff** that have been running and attending the same residential trips over many years. At the moment this is scheduled for the **3rd March 2021**. Please see the PowerPoint attached for further information.
- Crew Theatre come in to hold an exciting workshop on Forces, which the children study in Science. This is scheduled for the latter part of the Autumn term.
- The children will be able to experience the wonder of the universe within an inflated dome in the school hall when the Learning Dome mobile planetarium visits Year 4.
- As part of our study of mini-beasts, Year 4 will be visiting Nower Wood to look at habitats.

Please be aware that all of the trips are currently pending government guidelines and more information will follow.

Personal growth

In Year 4 we encourage the children to aim high and get involved! There is lots to do so the children are encouraged to get involved as well as developing their **independence and resilience.**

Staff Emails

Please note: we will endeavour to respond to our personal emails within **48** hours of receipt, during the working week. These are for quick messages or information that cannot go through the office or for positive feedback. This includes safeguarding concerns. Please note that we are unable to check **emails sent over the weekend or school holidays**, until returning to work on the **Monday**. In addition, we are unable to check and respond to emails whilst we are teaching, which is between the hours of **08:45-15:45**. **Therefore, please email the office regarding pick-up changes.**

If it is an urgent matter, please speak to someone in the office and the admin staff will be able to help you.

Additionally, we normally invite you to 'pop-in' with any concerns, however due to current guidelines this is not possible. Therefore, please call the office to be transferred to the relevant teacher.

We are really impressed with how **Team Four** have settled in to their new learning environment and are excited to see how well they progress and develop throughout their year.

Thank you,

Ms. Gough and Miss Day