



Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 4

Autumn 2nd Half Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had an enjoyable half term and your children are looking forward to their second term in Year 4.

In **History**, we will continue to focus on the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will also be exploring different 'climate zones' in **Geography** and looking at how location affects climate. We will also be exploring and comparing the UK climate with other places on earth.

In **Science** this term Year 4 will be learning about the human digestive system. They will be introduced to the main body parts associated with the digestive system and will learn that the role of the digestive system is to break down the food we eat so that our bodies can get the nutrients and energy they need. They will learn in more detail about the roles of the different types of teeth in breaking food down, and how to care for their teeth.

In **English** we will be exploring Shakespeare's play, 'Macbeth'. We will use his play to explore characters, setting and viewpoints. The children will be continuing to develop their reading and inference skills. Children will be writing a newspaper reports, diary entries and playscripts. There will continue to be a focus on grammar and punctuation skills which include the revision of adverbials, time conjunctions, apostrophes and inverted commas. This term, spellings will include key topic words, prefixes and suffixes. In addition to this, we will continue daily reading, comprehension activities and handwriting practice.

During **Maths** sessions, we will be learning about fractions, decimals, measuring and converting grams and kilograms and millimetres and centimetres. We will also be rounding 4-digit numbers, subtracting 3-digit numbers and multiplying and dividing. Times tables will continue to be a very important part of your child's learning. Times tables will continue to be a very important part of your child's learning and as well as weekly arithmetic.

Our focus in **RE** will be learning about 'Incarnation' and the Christian belief in God as Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will be reading stories from the Gospels and we will be exploring this through art.

In **PSHCE**, we will start the term by thinking about what makes an excellent class team and school citizen. We will explore rights, responsibilities and democracy and will create our own 'Learning Charter'. This term, our learning in **Computing** will have an E-safety focus and there will be discussions around being responsible online and how to stay safe online.

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

On a practical note, it would be extremely helpful if the children have in school the things that they need to participate fully in every lesson. This means having a handwriting pen (not ball point/biro) and essential stationery (pencils, coloured pencils, felt pens etc.) for class work.

We will continue our weekly visit to St Mary's church every Thursday morning. Parents are welcome to attend and any help with the walk up to church will be greatly appreciated.

Exciting News!

- We will be going swimming on Tuesday morning this term! Please ensure children have full swimming kit every Tuesday.
- We are looking forward to our theatre visit to the Wylyotts in Potters Bar on Thursday 14th November to see 'Macbeth'.
- Parents consultations will take place on 5th and 6th November.
- We are celebrating reading! Please ensure your children have a reading book with them on a daily basis.

Class teacher: Miss Antoniou

Date: October 2019



Home learning for this term is as follows:

- Home Learning folders will continue to be sent home on a **Friday** to be handed in on the following **Tuesday**. Please ensure that children complete all home learning.
- A spelling folder will continue to be sent home on a **Tuesday**. The weekly spelling test will take place the **following Tuesday**.
- Home learning will include a maths activity and an English/topic activity.
- Encouraging your children to practise their times tables on a regular basis will help many areas of their mathematical learning as well as their fluency and confidence in this area. Children should continue this learning at home and Times Tables Rockstars should be utilised as often as possible.
- At home, children should continue to read on a daily basis. It is extremely valuable for children to share and discuss with parents/carers thoughts and ideas. It is also extremely valuable for children to be exposed to a range of texts. Please complete the reading log (once a week) which can be found at the front of your child's home learning folder.

**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.**

Miss Philippa Antoniou, Class teacher