



Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 4

Autumn 2nd Half Term: October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had an enjoyable break and your children are looking forward to the second half of the Autumn Term in Year 4.

Our new **Science** topic this term will be electricity. We will learn how to make a circuit including how to make a bulb light. We will investigate the role of a switch in a circuit and also learn about conductors and insulators. In **History**, we will continue to learn about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age.

In **English**, we will start by exploring Shakespeare's play 'Midsummer Night's Dream' and will use this play to explore characters, setting, key language and viewpoints. The children will develop their newspaper report, diary, narrative and descriptive writing skills during this unit. Towards the end of the term, we will be looking at explanation texts and writing our own. There will continue to be a focus on learning grammar and punctuation skills, including the correct use of apostrophes, fronted adverbials and prepositions. This term, spellings will include prefixes and words from the Year 3/4 spelling list. In addition, 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.

In **RE** we will be focussing our learning on 'Incarnation' and Christians' belief in God as Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will be reading stories from the Gospels and we will begin to understand the importance of these texts to Christians.

Computing will provide the children with opportunities to design and write their own programs. They will be taught how to use sequence, selection and repetition in programs.

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

Exciting News!

-We are looking forward to our theatre visit to The Wyllyotts in Potters Bar on Monday 12th November to see 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

-Parent consultations will take place during the week beginning 5th November 2018.

-We look forward to the exciting lead up to Christmas, including performing in our Junior production!

Home learning for this term is as follows:

-Home-learning folders will continue to 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.

-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 Sarah Prados and Mrs Julia Oliver Date: October 2018