

## Information for Parents / Carers of Year 4

**Spring Term 2019**      Class Teachers: Mrs Mosley Mrs Chamberlain      Class: 4CM

Happy New Year. The children have settled back into school really well and have made a super start to the Spring Term. The information below is designed to help you and your child get the most out of the current term. If there is anything you are unsure about or if you want extra help/support in any area, please do not hesitate to come into school and have a chat.

### This Term's Information

| Area   | Information  |
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| Topics<br><br>(Including History<br>Geography, Art,<br>DT) | During the Spring Term we will be exploring and learning about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Rainforests</li> <li>❖ Anglo-Saxons &amp; Vikings</li> <li>❖ The Easter Story</li> </ul>  |
| English  | This term we will be focusing on information texts, poetry and story writing skills. English sessions will also provide opportunities for the children to develop their reading, comprehension, spelling, speaking and listening skills.<br>The children will be working on improving their writing skills by looking at sentence structure, punctuation and composition. We will be using a range of texts to inspire their writing. Handwriting sessions will focus on the correct formation and joins of letters. Spelling will be taught in a regular spelling lesson where the children have the opportunity to explore a number of strategies and patterns to aid their spellings. Weekly spelling lists will also be given to learn at home that are linked to our phoneme chart. |
| Reading  | The children will continue to read regularly with their class teacher and will be encouraged to discuss and explore a range of fiction and non-fiction books. Children will also be given opportunities to read one-to-one with an adult.<br><br><b>Your continued support to listen to your child read regularly at home is key to developing their reading skills, confidence and imagination.</b>   |
| Maths  | Maths teaching will continue at an appropriate level of challenge for your child. In this term, children will continue to improve their skills with number, in particular place-value, rounding, addition and subtraction, multiplication, division, and fractions. The children will also be developing their understanding of, 2D shape, angles and directions. As the maths becomes more challenging, it is important the children know their times tables and can recall facts quickly. This is key to their progress in maths.  |
| Science  | Our topic in science this term is Living things and their habitats which will be linked to the Rainforest topic. Children will have the opportunity to explore and use classification keys, group living things and understand changes in environments and the dangers to living things.   |

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| Computing              | Children will get the chance to work in the ICT suite at least once a week. They will be developing their programming, researching, formatting and design skills through a variety of programs.  |
| P.E.                   | <p>Our class P.E. session this term will be on Tuesday.</p> <p>Mr Maylard-Mason will be working on gymnastic skills for the first half of the term and then moving on to athletics with both floor work and large apparatus sessions.</p> <p>We will continue to swim on Thursday afternoons until 7th February. After half term, the children will have a second P.E. session with Mrs Mosley, where the focus will be invasion games.</p>  |
| Music                  | Mr Parnell will be teaching music to year 4 on Fridays. The children will develop their ability to sing, listen and compose.   |
| French                 | Mrs Broster will continue to teach French lessons on Fridays.  |
| R.E.                   | During R.E. sessions this term, the children will continue to listen to Bible stories, studying the Easter story in greater depth. They will be thinking about the importance of the Bible to Christians.  |
| Homework               | <p>By now, your child should be familiar with the Year 4 homework routines and their purple homework/spellings book should continue to make a weekly appearance.</p> <p><b>Spellings:</b> these will be given out on a Monday and tested the following Monday. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings and write a sentence in their purple books for each one.</p> <p><b>Times tables:</b> there will a weekly times tables test on a Thursday. It is essential that the children practice their times tables regularly. The Year 4 expectation is that 'Pupils should be taught to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 × 12' and they will be tested at the end of the year.</p> <p><b>Weekly Homework:</b> will be given out on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. It will be linked to current topics or be a 'MyMaths' task.</p> |
| Trips and special days | We have booked a trip to Twycross Zoo on Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February with a focus on rainforest animals. The children will have a workshop about the Rainforest with the zoologists and opportunities to ask questions about the animals.   |

We hope your child will continue to have an enjoyable and happy time in Year 4. If you have any worries or concerns, please pop in and see us or leave a message with the office.

Many thanks

Mrs Chamberlain and Mrs Mosley