

Information for Parents / Carers of Year 4

Spring Term 2019 Class Teacher: Mr Edwards Class: 4E

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
<p>Topics</p> <p>(Including History Geography, Art, DT, RE)</p>	<p>During the Spring Term we will be exploring and learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Rainforests ❖ Anglo-Saxons & Vikings ❖ The Easter Story
<p>Literacy</p>	<p>This term we will be focusing on information texts and story writing skills. Literacy sessions will also provide opportunities for the children to develop their reading, comprehension, spelling, speaking and listening skills.</p> <p>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. Children will also explore a number of spelling strategies and patterns. Weekly spelling lists will be given to learn at home.</p>
<p>Reading</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Your continued support to listen to your child read regularly at home is key to developing their reading skills, confidence and imagination.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>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 fractions and decimals, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will also present and interpret data using bar charts, line graphs and pictograms</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>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.</p>

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ICT	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.	Our class PE session this term will be on Friday. Mr Maylard-Mason will be working on gymnastic skills incorporating both floor work and large apparatus. We will continue to swim on Thursday afternoons until the 7th of February.
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 understand the importance of the Bible to Christians. They will study the Ester story and understand why Jesus is inspiring to some people.
Homework	By now, your child should be familiar with the Year 4 homework routines and their purple homework/spellings book should make a weekly appearance. Spellings: these will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings and write a sentence in their purple books for each one. Times tables: there will a weekly times tables test, also on a Friday. Weekly Homework: this will be given out on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. It may be linked to current topics or be a 'MyMaths' task.
Trips and special days	We have booked a trip to Twycross Zoo on Thursday 28 th February with a focus on rainforest animals. The children will have a workshop about the Rainforest with the zoologists and have opportunities to observe and ask questions about the zoo animals.

Many thanks

Mr L Edwards