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YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term 2018

English in Autumn 1

Week 1: This week, the children will be looking at poetry and writing poems based on their daydreams

Week 2-7: Throughout this half term, we will be focussing on 'Mr Stink' as part of our stories with humour topic. The children will be exposed to a range of different writing opportunities including: diary entries, back stories, character profiles, letters, newspaper reports and narrative stories.

English in Autumn 2

Week 1 & 2: Over these weeks, the children will be analysing the different features of an explanation text and creating their own based on their science topic teeth and digestive system.

Week 3 & 4: Biographies- year 4 will be identifying the features of this genre and applying to their own biographies about Benjamin Franklin

Week 5 & 6: Information texts- we will be focussing on writing information texts based on the Romans. We will be using 'Romans on the Rampage' as our text stimulus.

Week 7: 'Father Christmas'.

Our Spellings this term

Week 1: homophones or near homophones

Week 2: the prefix 'in-' meaning 'not'

Week 3: words with prefix 'il', 'ir' or 'im'.

Week 4: the prefix sub

Week 5: The prefix 'inter-' means between, amongst or during.

Week 6: Challenge week

Week 7: The suffix '-ation' is added to verbs to form nouns.

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Week 9: Adding -ly to adverbs

Week 10: Adding '-ly' to turn an adjective into an adverb when the final letter is 'l'.

Week 11 and 12: Revision of spellings of autumn term spellings

Maths Autumn 1:

Week 1: This week, the children have been revising column addition and subtraction.

Week 2 and 3: The children will be developing their understanding of the place value numbers up to and beyond 1000. They will be learning how to round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. They will also be comparing and ordering numbers up to 10,000.

Week 4 and 5: To read Roman numerals up to 100. To add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers mentally. To solve number problems involving addition and subtraction.

Week 6: The children will be revising multiplication facts (x6, x7, and x9).

Week 7: The children will be learning to multiply 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers.

Maths Autumn 2:

Week 1: This week, the children will be developing their written methods for division.

Week 2 and 3: The children will be developing their understanding of negative numbers and confidently count forwards and backwards through 0.

Week 4 and 5: The children will be able to recognise equivalent fractions, count forwards and backwards using fractions and to find fractions of numbers and quantities.

Week 6 and 7: To recognise and write decimal equivalents of tenths and hundredths.

Other curriculum areas in Autumn 1

In Science this half term, the children will be studying Teeth and the Digestive system. They will be learning about teeth and their functions and how food travels through the digestive system. Over the course of the unit, the children will be learning to gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways. To record their findings using drawings and labelled diagrams. Pupils will also use scientific evidence to answer questions.

Please find attached the word list for this unit

In History this half term, Year 4 children will be learning about the Romans. This is a cross curricular unit so the children will be using a range of subjects to learn about this period of history.

In Art this half term, the children will be learning about mosaics and will be creating their own mosaic tile picture linked with their Romans topic.

In PSHE, the children will learning about growth mindset and new beginnings.

In Music, the children will be learning about musical notation and how to play the recorder.

In Computing this half term, the children will be developing their keyboard and word processing skills. Using different search engines and learning to create folders and save their work correctly.

P.E this half term is Hockey.

In R.E this half term, the children will be learning about important events on the Jewish calendar.

Other curriculum areas in Autumn 2

In Science, this half term the children will be learning about electricity. They will be learning about materials that conduct or insulate and how to make a simple circuit and understand that electricity can be dangerous.

In History this half term, Year 4 children will be continuing with the Romans.

In Art this half term, the children will be completing numerous Christmas tasks, including their Christmas hoop design.

In PSHE, the children will continue to learn about growth mindset and completing a PSHE unit called 'Getting on and falling out.'

In Music, the children will be learning about musical notation and performing on the glockenspiels.

In Computing this half term, the children will be producing an information text using their research skills and the internet.

In D&T, the children will be designing and making light box theatres.

P.E this half term is swimming.

In R.E this half term, the children will be answering the questions: How do people express their beliefs through the art? How can artists help us understand Christmas?

Key Word lists

Please discuss the meaning with your child and encourage them to learn to spell these words.

	English	Maths	Science	Topic
Autumn 1	Pronoun. Adjectives. Adverbs. Verb. Noun. Paragraph. Conjunctions. Narrative. Tense.	Ones,tens, hundred, thousands. Tenths, Hundredths. Equivalent. Sum. Decimal fraction.	Canines. Incisors. Premolar. Molar. Small intestines. Large intestines. Digestions Oesophagus. Excretion.	Invade Settle BC AD
Autumn 2	Tense. Subheadings. Lists. Colon. Comma.	Factors. Multiples. Commutative. Inverse.	Conductor Insulator Switch Flow Electricity Current Voltage amms	

General Messages:

Reading is still important!

Even though your child may be able to read by themselves, it is still important to check they have understood what they are reading. Please try to ask your child what has happened in the story. The children in Year 4 should be reading for at least 30 minutes every night.

Home School Contact books will be checked weekly on Mondays or Fridays.

Homework

If your child is unable to complete their homework, please let us know. We run a homework club on Wednesday lunchtimes. Please remind your child to go to this if they have been unable to complete their homework.

P.E

If your child is unable to do P.E, please let us know by writing a short letter. Kits should always be in school for the P.E sessions.

Times tables

It is vital that your child knows all their times tables accurately. Please encourage them to practise and test them at home regularly.

Spellings

With the government's new push towards Spelling punctuation and Grammar, it is extremely important that your child learns their spellings.