

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 1

Dear parents and carers, Welcome to **Year 4**. Please have a look over our curriculum for the coming half term...



Learning Together for Life

Articles of Half Term: Article 24 – Children have the right to healthcare.
Article 19 – Children have the right to be protected from all types of abuse.
Articles 14 and 30 – Right to choose and practise your own religion.
Article 29 – Respecting others.



Writing: Our writing this term will focus on the fantastic novel, *The Girl of Ink and Stars* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. We will be writing a setting description, a set of instructions and will be writing some beautiful river poetry using the wide range of skills we have learnt already this year. Already, we cannot wait to read the children's wonderful, creative work.



Reading: The children will continue to have daily reading lessons that focus on the different areas of reading. Our key text is *The Girl of Ink and Stars*, though we will dip into some non-fiction pieces and some poetry too, applying our skills across a range of genres.



Maths: We will start the half term by exploring multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 before moving on to using the formal method for multiplication. Once we have that under our belts, we will move on to length and perimeter.



Science: This term, we are exploring states of matter and how matter changes from a solid to a liquid to a gas including how particles interact with one another within a structure. We will look closely at melting points and boiling points, evaporation and condensation, and the water cycle.



History/Geography: We are starting our first geography topic of the year by diving into rivers (not literally!). We are going to explore the different parts of a river as well as physical and human features and land use around rivers. All this will be in preparation for the trip to Grattons Stream after half term.



PSHE: We will explore the importance of looking after the environment.



Music: This half-term, the children will be trying something a little bit different to the usual instruments we have and use music technology for their musical learning. We will begin by using *Busy Beats* on *Purple Mash* to create our own simple pieces of music, selecting different sounds and beats, with a focus on melody, pitch, rhythm and tempo.



Computing: We will be exploring animation and thinking about online safety.



PE: Outdoors, we are going to be building out basketball skills with a focus on throwing, catching and how to use the space. Indoors, we will be having some fun with gymnastics.



RE: This half-term we will be learning 'just how important are our beliefs?'



Art & DT: In our art, we will be exploring pattern making by using various techniques to create texture and designs.



MFL: This half term, we will continue to expand our vocabulary and engage in authentic dialogue.



Forest school: This half term, Year 4 will be sawing a wooden disk and turning it into a spinning top or wooden spinner. They will also be making bread dough and cooking it on an open fire.

If you have any questions at all please contact us or catch us at the end of the school day.

Please ensure a named PE kit is in school at all times. Please consider some tracksuit bottoms and a top for the colder weather. Children with long hair need to have it tied back. Please ensure all uniform is named. Please hear your child read daily for 20 minutes and record this in their reading record. We request that your children do not bring in their own pencil cases – we have all the resources they will need in school. Home learning will be published each Thursday, inclusive of spellings.