



## Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4

Spring Term 2019



Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to give you information regarding what your child will be learning in the Spring Term.

### Homework

Year 4 get one piece of English and Maths Homework per week. These are given out on a Thursday and are due back on Tuesday. Alternatively, they may be given a longer topic-based homework.

Spellings are given out on Thursdays and tested on Wednesdays.

Reading books can be changed on any day. Reading bookmark stickers are given out on Fridays.

Please encourage your child to learn their tables at home. We will now be testing all the children who have not completed their times tables every Monday. All the children in Year 4 are tested on all of their tables every week through a timed test so it is still important for children to be working on them regularly at home.

### Topics

States of Matter (Science)

Sound (Science)

France (Geography)

Pizza (Design Technology)

Monet (Art)

Gymnastics and Invasion Games(PE)

Easter (RE)

Spreadsheets and Databases (Computing)

### English

Children will be looking at a variety of different text types including;

- Fiction; Stories with Imaginary settings, stories from other cultures and traditions
- Non-Fiction ; explanation texts
- Playscripts

They will also be learning about the following aspects of grammar:

- Using dialogue and punctuating it appropriately
- Using possessive apostrophes for singular and plural nouns
- Using pronouns to avoid repetition.

This is in addition to our ongoing work around identifying nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs, using fronted adverbials, using apostrophes correctly in contractions, using correct homophones (such as they're, their and there) and using interesting conjunctions.

## Maths

In Maths this term we will be covering mental methods for multiplication, including multiplying 3 numbers. We will also be revising the standard method for short multiplication. We will be covering division including gaining a better understanding of how division works and then moving onto the standard method for division (bus stop).

We will be learning to find the area of rectilinear shapes and then linking this to our previous work on perimeter from the Autumn Term. During this topic, we will also cover the names and properties of different types of quadrilaterals.

The third topic that we will look at is Fractions. This will include finding fractions of an amount, ordering fractions, finding equivalent fractions, looking at fractions which are greater than 1 (such as  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) and adding and subtracting fractions which have the same denominator.

After we have looked at fractions, we will begin to apply this knowledge to decimal numbers. The children will look at understanding 10ths and 100ths, ordering decimal numbers and dividing decimal numbers by 10

