

Year 4 Autumn Term Curriculum

Welcome to Year 4. The children have returned to school looking smart and refreshed after the holidays. They have already impressed the year 4 teachers with their behaviour and enthusiasm to learn during our first week and have produced some fantastic work which is already brightening up our corridor and classrooms.

Year 4 Team

Goldfinch: Mrs Davie (Year Leader)
Golden Eagle: Mr Tough
Osprey: Miss Broadway

Teaching Assistants:

Ewelina Zalewska, Kavita Savjani

Autumn 1 Curriculum – Better Than Stone

This half term the children will be travelling back in time to learn about life during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age periods. With tools as our focus, children will be learning how everyday implements developed and changed through time and helped to improve the lives of everyday people.

The children will also get the chance to experience Iron Age building techniques when we visit Butser Ancient Farm for our first trip of year 4, letters regarding this trip were sent home this week.

Science, art and literacy will all be included in our topic learning this half term. The children will be producing Stone Age art work, historical information texts and will be focusing on the changing state of materials.

The outcome for this topic will be a celebration of all the children's learning in a hands on museum exhibit. The children will be sharing their knowledge by inviting the year 5's to visit their class museums.

Homework

Homework is set on a **Wednesday** and is due back on a **Monday**.

SPELLINGS – Curriculum words have been sent home this week along with the spelling booklet. Please encourage the children to learn these spellings throughout the next few weeks ready for a test in the final week of the half term. A new set of spellings will be sent home after October half term.

READING – children should be reading at home at least four times per week and should be recording their reading reflections in their logs. Reading records will be checked by their class teacher each week.

TIMES TABLES – children are expected to revise and learn new times tables each week. A times table worksheet will be sent home every other week for children to complete.

Music Our In2music teachers will begin teaching this term. The children will be learning to play either the violin, trumpet or flute. All classes will be learning to play their instrument on a Tuesday afternoon. More information will be sent home shortly regarding the organisation of these lessons.

French

Miss Downs will be teaching interactive French lessons to all classes every Wednesday morning.

This term they will be focusing on transport, countries, weather, days of the week, food and numbers.

Parent Helpers Do you have any spare time during school hours to help with reading or times table practice? The year 4 team would be extremely grateful to any family members willing to give up their time to help the children. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help. You will be required to complete a DBS before you help in class. Please see a member of the office team regarding this.

Key dates in year 4

Autumn 1

11/9/17- Mad hatters tea party

15/9/17- Better than Stone Hook day

19/9/17- Curriculum Evening 4:30pm-5:30pm

20/9/17 – School Photos

06/10/17 – INSET Day

10/10/17 – Parents Evening

11/10/17- Buster Ancient farm trip

12/10/17- Parents Evening

Week beginning 16/10/17- museum outcome to year 5 children

Week beginning 16/10/17 – spelling test

Christmas plans

The year 4 team are currently making plans for the Christmas period and more details will be sent out to you regarding our celebrations after October half term.



PE

Indoor PE: Friday (all classes)

Outdoor Games: Wednesday – led by Team Spirit (all classes)

Autumn 1: All the children have had their first lesson led by the Team Spirit team and thoroughly enjoyed the football sessions. During indoor PE the children will be controlling their bodies through a variety of balances.

Autumn 2: Next half term the children will be focusing on dance during our indoor PE sessions and will be learning rugby skills during their outdoor PE lessons.

We are keen to use our outdoor facilities whenever possible so please make sure your child has warm clothing as the weather turns colder.

Autumn 2 Curriculum –Ticket to Ride

Our second topic of this term will be focused on the city of Liverpool. Throughout their learning the children will be developing their geography skills as they use a range of different maps to collect information about this famous city.

Speeches, debates and drama activities will allow the children to explore all aspects of Liverpool's culture including the history of the city, music influences and trade links.

In our PE sessions the children will be developing their dancing skills by learning some Rock 'n' Roll moves and will also become musicians when they create their own instruments using their science knowledge.

For further information regarding Year 4 please visit the official school Facebook page.

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We look forward to working with you and your children this term!

The Year 4 Team

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