

Year 4 Autumn Term Curriculum

What a start we have already had to the new half term! The children returned to school ready for science week and enjoyed planning and conducting their own experiments. They dressed to impress today and wowed all the year 4 teachers with their dance moves during our 1950's themed Hook day. We are all looking forward to learning about Liverpool this half term.

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.

Music In2music teachers have started teaching our music lessons each week. The children are enjoying learning about their new instrument and are looking forward to taking these home within the next few weeks to practise their skills. The In2music teachers will send instruments home when they are confident the children understand and can assemble their instruments. When sent home, please ensure your child brings their instrument to school every Tuesday, without them they will miss out on this teaching session.

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 Christmas.

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.

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.

PE

Indoor PE: Wednesday (all classes)

Outdoor Games: Friday (all classes)

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.

Key dates in year 4

Autumn 2

3/11/17 - Ticket to Ride hook day

24/11/17 - PTFA Non-uniform day

28/11/17 - Share My Learning (am)

30/11/17 - Share My Learning (pm)

1/12/17 - Christmas fayre

Week beginning 11/12/17 - spelling test

13/12/17- Year 4 Performance to parents

15/12/17 - Christmas Jumper and dinner day

21/12/17- Christingle/Christmas Cafe

Science

During our Science lessons this half term we will be focusing on sound and vibrations. To demonstrate our knowledge we will be forming rock bands, creating instruments and performing to an audience of children. If you have any cereal boxes or food packaging which you no longer require please send them into school. All junk modelling will be gratefully received.

Christmas plans

Liverpool will be the theme for our Christmas production this year. We are all looking forward to celebrating our learning throughout this half term with you. More information regarding scripts and costumes will be sent out nearer the time.



Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Year 4 Team

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