

Year 4's Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and your child is ready to start Year 4. Should you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher or teaching assistant. Our doors are always open and we are here to help!

LITERACY

This half term in Literacy, we are going to be looking at the book 'Weslandia' by Paul Fleischman and the Shakespeare story Julius Caesar. We are going to use these texts to help us write a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts including: play scripts, character descriptions, book reviews, persuasive leaflets and non-chronological reports. There will also be aspects of cross-curricular writing that will be done in our curriculum lessons. We will be using the information we have learnt all about the Romans to write fact files and explanations.

Homework for English will be set weekly. The children will be expected to learn their spellings and to complete a reading comprehension each week. Please encourage your child to read their Accelerated Reader book for at least 20 minutes a day, we ask that you sign the reading record at the end of each week to confirm that your child has read for 20 minutes each night. The reading record and their Accelerated Reader book should be brought to school each day.

Key Vocabulary:

Conjunction adverbial inverted commas paragraphs sub-headings

Mathematics

In Mathematics, the children will be working on groups of objectives linked to the following strands of Maths throughout the year:

Number and Place Value

Addition and Subtraction

Multiplication and Division

Fractions and Decimals

Measurement

Geometry (Shape and Space)

Statistics (Data Handling)

This half term, all pupils in Year 4 will be looking at Number and Place Value.

Homework for Maths will be set using Mathletics on a weekly basis. If your child requires computer access in school time, please let us know. Timetables will continue to also be a key focus and you can help your child by practising these with them too.

Key vocabulary:

Place Value Hundreds Tens Ones Base 10



SCIENCE

In our science lessons this half term, we will be looking at living things and their habitats. By the end of the topic, we are going to be able to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. We will also explore and use classification keys to help us group different animals and identify their local environments. We will understand that environments can change and there can sometimes be dangers to living things because of this.

Key Vocabulary:

Vertebrate invertebrate plants animals threat classification key impact



Other Curriculum Areas

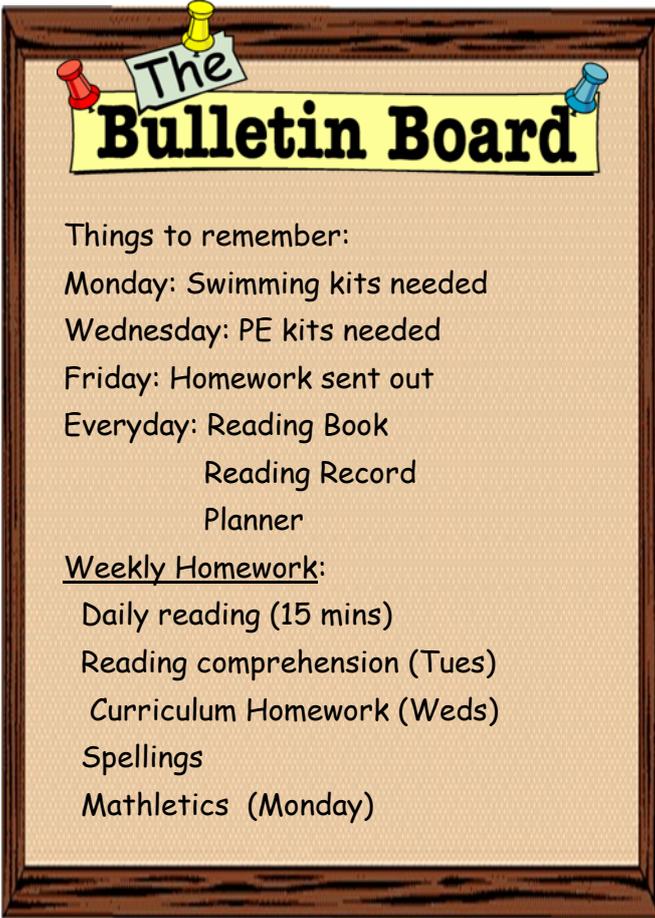
PE - Swimming, The Daily Mile, Netball

RE- Christianity, Islam

PSHE- anti-bullying and e-safety

Music- Sing, play, improvise and compose.

For other areas of the curriculum, please see our overview on the next page.



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

- Monday: Swimming kits needed
- Wednesday: PE kits needed
- Friday: Homework sent out
- Everyday: Reading Book
Reading Record
Planner

Weekly Homework:

- Daily reading (15 mins)
- Reading comprehension (Tues)
- Curriculum Homework (Weds)
- Spellings
- Mathletics (Monday)



IMPORTANT DATES

- 6/9/19—VR Day
- 13/9/19—Roald Dahl Day
- 20/9/19—Jeans for Genes (more info to follow)
- 10/10/19—Piece Hall trip (Juniper AM, Linden PM)
- 10/10/19—Space Dome visit to school.