



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome to Term 2. We are looking forward to a fantastic term of new topics.

Language, Oracy and Literacy

The children will be reading and writing stories and learning the structure of story writing; studying features such as openings, build-up, dilemma, resolutions and conclusions. They will be studying Nelson Mandela and writing Newspaper articles and looking at biographies. In addition they will be consolidating their understanding of recounts and instructional text. The class reader this term is the Chronicles of Narnia (The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis. In Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar we will be working on commas after or before phrases and clauses, using dialogue in narrative, emphasising the differences between spoken and written speech and using the possessive apostrophe.

Mathematics

Collecting data, sorting and representing information in charts and graphs, measuring mass, length and time. We will also be solving word problems relating to number, money, time and measures, finding fractions of numbers and quantities; recording compass directions and using co-ordinates

Science & Technology

'Circuits and Conductors' – children will establish what is meant by an electrical circuit as well as familiarise themselves with the vocabulary associated with circuits and be able to describe an electrical insulator and an electrical conductor.

Time & Place

Navigation

The aim of the unit is to allow children the opportunity to get to grips with their own area and realise its importance as a geographic location. We will be looking at the 8 basic compass points and use compasses to find our bearings in our own school setting. The children will look at how our area, country and world was mapped and how technology has helped with advances in mapping. We will begin to appreciate the work of satellites and understand their importance in the 21st century.

Physical & Emotional Health (PE & Games)

Games – invasion games (football/rugby and netball). Indoor and outdoor PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday morning and taken home on a Friday afternoon.

Gymnastics - The children will be working on balance and different forms of rolling creating different individual sequences on the floor and the apparatus.

Arts & Creativity

Art – essential art skills will be taught to include brush and painting skills. The focus will be on the primary colours.

Music – The children will be practising and performing Christmas Carols in unison and understanding canon for a performance at school in December.

Citizenship & Ethics

We will be looking at responsibilities and our duties to the wider community, thinking about what we have to offer our local area. The children will also learn about the role of their parents and gain a basic understanding of the tax system to gain an insight into how we pay for our roads and schools.

Faith & Belief

Judaism – Children will learn about how special is the relationship Jews have with God?

Homework

Maths - weekly

My Maths

Maths - daily

Practice of x tables and competencies

Reading -weekly

Comprehension – sometimes to include research linked to Time and Place topic

Reading – daily

Reading 20minutes to an adult with difficult words identified and Reading Record signed

If you have any questions please feel free to see me or make an appointment through Mrs Bailey.

Kind regards

Year 4 Team