



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to your first term in Year 4 at Lowbrook. We feel it is important that parent/caregivers are given information about what your child is learning during the school day. We believe this will help you to know what kind of topics and activities your children are gaining experience in as well as ensuring progression in your child's learning. We hope that you find this useful.

Language, Oracy & Literacy

This term we will be producing Book Reviews of our favourite books and studying various forms of poetry, including the use of metaphors, similes and personification. The poem 'Macavity' will be central to our work in 4BH and 4CL will be working with 'Through the Forest Have I Gone'. Spelling rules for this term will include common letter strings, syllables, compound words and homophones.

Maths

We will be looking at the four key operations; formal and informal written methods of calculation and identifying the significant digits in a number.

The children will study:

- Number; recognising place value, ordering and comparing numbers and finding 1000 more or less.
- Mental calculation methods and solving 1- and 2- step word problems.
- Multiples of numbers including 6, 9 and 25.
- Properties of shapes; symmetry, reflection and translation (position and direction)
- Fractions; equivalent fractions and understanding the relationship between non-unit fractions and multiplication and division.
- Using and interpreting data; graphs, scales and solving problems.

Science & Technology

'Habitats' – identifying and sorting organisms living in a specific habitat (whilst using our outdoor school environment including the pond area); and recognising food chains in our ecosystem.

Place and Time

The Tudors - the children will learn about the Battle of Bosworth (War of The Roses) and the 100 Year Tudor reign including all monarchs. They will study Tudor architecture and learn about Tudor ships in particular The Mary Rose

Physical & Emotional Health (PE & Games)

The children in Year 4BH will learn a Scottish dance and 4CL a Tudor dance. They will plan, perform and evaluate their own work

Games – Invasion games will look at attack and defensive strategy as well as individual motor skills and co-ordination. Children need both their PE kits and black kit for gymnastics and dance.

Arts & Creativity

Art – The children will learn essential art skills including sketching, colour mixing, drawing techniques and brush skills associated with Tudor architecture.

Music –All children will learn djembe drumming with Simon Davie our music specialist.

Citizenship & Ethics

This term we will be focusing on tolerance, linked to the idea of overcoming disagreements both in class and school as well as outside of the school environment.

Faith & Belief

Christianity – we will be focusing on Christian's beliefs about Jesus; looking at important Christian symbols and interpretations of the Bible.

School

As part of our Science and English work, our school trip this term will be to Kew Gardens.

Homework

Maths - My maths every Wednesday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

X Tables - One x table will be given to the children learn at the start of each week (Monday)

Spellings - Will be given to the children every Thursday and tested on the following Thursday

Reading - Children should be reading every night and included 'Words to Learn' completed – and records signed. A Reading comprehension will be sent out on Friday to be completed by Monday.

A small amount of Topic work will be set as each unit is studied.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Herr, Mrs Clark and Mrs Lucas