



# Curriculum Letter for Yr 4

## Autumn Term 2020



### General Information

Welcome to Year 4. The children have settled in well and are becoming familiar with the routines, expectations and timetable in Year 4 with all its new changes. Thank you for you and your children adapting to these new arrangements so easily and readily, it has helped enormously. Your children have all shown great resilience.

### Curriculum

**Maths** - we will be consolidating our understanding of the four operations (+-x÷). Times Table Champions will be continuing, so get practising! **All children are expected to know their times tables up to 12x by the end of Y4.**

**English** – the focus will be on story writing ‘*Aliens Landing*’ by Pie Corbett and ‘*The Time Travelling Cat*’ by Julia Jarman. Also, newspaper articles for non-fiction writing. We will be comparing stories for descriptive writing and story building. Our class reads this term are ‘*The Abominables*’ by Eva Ibbotson and ‘*The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog*’ by Jeremy Strong.

**Science** - topics this term include ‘*Living Things*’ and ‘*Looking at States*’. These will involve classification and identification and changing materials between solids, liquids and gases.

**Geography** - for this first half term is ‘**The Americas**’, which will focus on the cities and state of America taking us on a great American road trip. We will focus on geographical skills and vocabulary, such as compass points and map reading.

**History** - ‘**The Ancient Egyptians**’ after half term will focus on how much the Ancient Egyptians achieved.

**Art** - an artist study (Hundertwasser), looking his work and techniques to creating our own versions.

**Music** - will continue with the use of the programme ‘Charanga’ and we will be learning to play the glockenspiel.

Our **RE** units this term are ‘*Who is Jesus?*’ and ‘*What are The Beatitudes and What Do They Mean for Christians?*’ The children will continue their learning in PSHE and French.

### PE days

Outdoor PE is on Wednesdays. Other physical activity will include sessions outside and the new climbing frame.

### Reading and Spellings

Reading is an essential skill and we would like to foster a love of reading both in and outside school. Please, please set time for your child to read with you and also for your child to be read to. Please record your child’s reading on Teams. This will be checked once a week by the teacher.

All parents will receive a copy of the Year 3 and 4 spelling list. We will also be teaching spelling patterns and rules in class.

### Homework

Homework will be either English, Maths or research activities linked to their Geography, History or Science on **Teams**.

Homework is set on a **Friday** and due in the following **Wednesday**.

### Key dates

Flu nasal spray immunizations - 14<sup>th</sup> October

Half term - 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October

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