

# Year 4 Autumn Term (1) 2020 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back.

## **Topic – Geography**

In our topic lessons this term we will be learning about Europe. Where it is in the world, the countries, capitals, major rivers and mountain ranges. We will also compare Britain to Greece.

## **English**

This term we will be working from 'Ocean Meets Sky' by The Fan Brothers. We will be using the pictures and text to help develop our comprehension skills. Within the text we will look at the use of noun phrases and fronted adverbials as a means to provide interest and information. Then use the story as a model to practice these features in our own stories.

## **Maths**

This half term we will start by looking at rounding and comparing numbers before learning Roman Numerals. Then we move onto Subtraction with exchanges where we look at finding efficient methods estimating answers and checking strategies.

## **Science**

Human Nutrition – The children will describe, sequence and investigate the simple functions and the basic parts of the digestive system in humans and they will identify and name the different types of teeth in humans and some other animals, and their simple functions. They will also look at how their teeth could decay and how they could be kept healthy.

## **PE**

In PE we will be doing Unihoc and will be on **Monday** this term. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in School Uniform PE kit on these days.

## **French**

In Year 4 French we will pick up where we left off in March, learning pets and revising stationery items. These new vocabulary items will be combined with 'j'ai...' and 'je veux', to enable the children to describe the pets they have and/or want. We will then find out that 'j'ai...' (= I have) can be combined with numbers to say how old we are.

## **Homework**

Ideally, we would recommend that you read with your child as often as possible, at least 3 times a week.

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

It is also important that the children practice their Times Tables so that they know them and can give the answer in 5 seconds. (By the end of Year 4 the children need to know all the tables up to 12 x 12) Using Rock Star Tables, speed writing out of the table and chanting tables are useful ways to practice.

Spellings are better practiced in short frequent sessions. 10 minutes sessions 3 or 4 times a week works better than a long session.

Reading books will be changed on Fridays.

I have given each child their login for Google Classrooms and will be putting work on it to do at home.

**Dates for your diary**

PE – Every Monday

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest regards

Year 4

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