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Year 4 Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. We hope you had a fantastic summer and we look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Topic Focus	London
Subject	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>
English/Literacy	<p>We will be using a variety of texts to support our learning in English this term. These texts include: Leon And The Place Between, The Wonder, The Day The Crayons Quit, It's A Dog's Life and Black Dog. In addition, we will be use a variety of non-fiction texts to support our learning about London.</p> <p>We will also learn how to use fronted adverbials in our writing and continue to develop our understanding of prepositions and conjunctions. We will write in a range of genres and have a variety of opportunities for speaking and listening. We will also be developing our understanding of grammar and sentence structure.</p>
Maths	<p>This term, children will be deepening their understanding of place value. Developing their methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication using formal column methods and also developing division through their knowledge of their multiplication facts. We will apply these skills in a range of problem solving contexts. Children will build on their knowledge of multiplication facts. By the end of the year, it is expected that children can recall all multiplication and division facts for up to 12 x 12.</p>
Science	<p>Our topic for the first half term is sound. Children will investigate sound proofing and will learn how distance from a sound source affects its volume. They will develop their investigative skills and reinforce their prior learning on fair testing. In the second half of the Autumn term, we will be learning about electricity.</p>
RE	<p>Children will have the opportunity to learn about the Muslim faith. In particular, they will have the chance to identify features of a Mosque and why these are important to Muslims.</p>
Computing	<p>During this term, we will revisit the topic of e-safety. Children will be reminded of the importance of keeping themselves safe in the digital world. They will also be exploring STARZ as a tool for communication.</p>
PSHE	<p>Children have already created their class charters and thought about making people feel welcome. We will also spend time thinking about strategies to cope when we experience a new situation. Children will also be learning about rights, responsibilities, needs and wants.</p>
Art and DT	<p>In Art, we will be developing our sketching skills and drawing techniques when drawing London landmarks. We will also be developing our water colour skills.</p>
History and Geography	<p>We will be learning about the history and geography of London. We will learn how London is connected to other places and develop our map reading skills. We will learn about different London landmarks and their historical significance.</p>
Music	<p>In music this term children will play and compose rhythmic repeated patterns on instruments and using standard music notation. They will sing in a variety of styles with an increasing awareness of the tone of their voices and the shape of the melody.</p>
PE	<p>Our outside P.E. for autumn one will be hockey and autumn two will be invasion games. Our inside P.E. for this term will be gymnastics and table tennis.</p>
MFL	<p>The children will be consolidating and extending topics they first learnt in Year 3, such as numbers 0-30, days of the week/months of the year/seasons and colours. New topics will include parts of the body and adjectives to describe them.</p>

Visits	<u>Autumn</u>
	None planned this term
	<u>Spring term</u>
	Grafham residential trip
	Italian food tasting - Huntingdon (to be confirmed)
	<u>Summer term</u>
	Investigating habitats – Stibbington (to be confirmed)

Important Dates

Tuesday 19 th September	Rev Jason Assembly (KS2)	
Tuesday 19 th September	Meet the Teacher (in the classrooms)	3.30pm and 5.30pm
Tuesday 26 th September	PTA Annual General Meeting	7.30pm
Friday 6 th October	Cake Friday	
Saturday 14 th October	PTA Ceilidh (Barn Dance)	TBC
Wednesday 18 th October	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 7.00pm
Thursday 19 th October	PTA meeting	2.00pm
Thursday 19 th October	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 6.00pm
23 rd – 27 th October	Half Term	
Tuesday 21 st November	Rev Jason Assembly (KS2)	
Thursday 7 th December	Governing Body meeting	
Friday 8 th December	Non Uniform Day Christmas Dinner Christmas Fair	
Monday 18 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service	
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term	

Homework

Learning Log

Children will be set an open ended task every two weeks (approximately). Children will be given the opportunity to share their learning with their friends in class.

We were really impressed with the quality of the homework that the children completed last year. It was lovely to see the different and creative ways that the children tackled the tasks.

Spellings

At the beginning of term, we completed a spelling test of the first 40 words from the national curriculum word list for Years 1/2 and Years 3/4. We will be sending the results of these tests home shortly. We will spend time in class learning these words, but it would reinforce the children's understanding if they had the opportunity to work on these at home. We will repeat the spelling test at the end of the autumn term and will resend your child's results home (so you can see how much progress they have made 😊).

Times tables

By the end of Year 4, it is expected that children will be able to recall multiplication facts and division facts for all times tables up to 12 x 12. To support their learning in class, we will be sending times table homework home each week. If your child knows the times table that they have been given for the week, the aim will be to increase the speed and fluency that they can complete the tasks. Some weeks children will be given times tables to learn and other weeks, they will be given times tables tests to check their progress and understanding.

P.E. days/kits

P.E. for Year 4 will be on a Tuesday, but please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school every day as this allows us to be flexible and to embed these skills across the curriculum.

Inside P.E. - a white t-shirt, dark shorts, trainers or plimsolls

Outside P.E. - trainers, a white t-shirt, dark shorts, a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms as it can get very cold in the autumn term. No jewellery except stud earrings and watches should be worn in school and these must be removed for all P.E. activities. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please provide tape for them to tape them up. Long hair should be tied back.

Parental Help

In Year 3, we were extremely lucky to have so much parental help and support. If you or a close family member are able to offer regular or occasional help this year, please speak to your child's class teacher. We are particularly looking for individuals that are happy to read on a 1:1 basis with children. The helpers that did this last year, said how much they enjoyed this time with the children.

Lunch time games club

If you would be able to offer support to run a lunch time games club, please get in touch with Mrs. Hammond.

Reading

Now that children are in Year 4, they will be continuing to use Accelerated Reader (AR). This is an online system where children take quizzes on the books that they have read. Children will be given AR targets to try and meet. When they reach these targets, they will be given a certificate and can help their class to earn rewards. New targets will then be set again in the Spring Term. Children will be given plenty of opportunity to complete the quizzes at school, so they are asked not to complete them at home. Even though children may wish to increasingly read independently now that they are in year 4, we do still encourage you to read with your child. Children can of course read books that are not on the AR system, but if you would like to check whether books you have at home are part of AR you can use the following website or search for Accelerated Reader Book Find UK.

<http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx>

If you would like more information about the AR system, please contact Mrs. Hammond.

Performances

Year 3 and 4 will be taking part in a performance in the spring term this year. More information will follow at a later date.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Sally Hammond and Miss Jessica Ross