

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. It's going to be a busy and exciting year, full of opportunities to shine. We have provided some information that we hope you will find useful:

Topics for Autumn Term

- **R.E:** The Bible / Trust in God / Birth of Jesus
- **English:** Spelling, handwriting, comprehension, creative writing, Grammar and Punctuation, speaking and listening, guided reading
- **Maths:** Mental addition and subtraction, Problem solving, reasoning and algebra, mental and written multiplication and division, measurement, decimals, percentages, equivalent fractions, written addition and subtraction
- **Science:** In a State / Good Vibrations
- **Art:** Tone in Colour
- **ICT:** Online safety / Programming: Scratch.
- **Music:** Mamma Mia/ Benjamin Britten- 'Cuckoo'
- **P.E.:** Gaelic Football / Invasion Games
- **History:** Ancient Greece
- **D & T:** Healthy Sandwiches
- **MFL:** French- Les Animaux / Viens a ma Fete
- **PHSE:** Being Me in My World / Celebrating Differences / Friendship & Anti-Bullying

Homework

Each child has been given their own personal homework diary which should be brought into school each day. Homework will be set on a Monday, Wednesday and a Friday. The tasks will be written down in your child's homework diary. We ask you to sign the diary each week so we know you have seen it. They will be checked regularly by the class teacher. We ask that homework is given in on time. However, if for any reason your child cannot complete their homework on time, please write a note or contact the child's teacher. Diaries must be in school every day.

Reading

We follow the 'Treetops' reading scheme in Lower Key Stage Two. The children will read part of a book in school once a week and will then bring this book home to finish. We ask that you support your child by hearing them read daily at home and returning their book the following week. It is important that an adult signs the Reading Record book to indicate that a book has been completed. In addition, the children will have a weekly guided reading session with their Teacher. These books will remain in school.

Pen License

In Year 4 we focus on handwriting and excellent presentation. Teachers will monitor children who can show they are ready to use a handwriting or fountain pen in class. We give a pen licence to children who have mastered joining their handwriting.

We recommend that your child should spend no longer than 40 minutes on each piece of homework.

Monday	Comprehension	(to be returned on Wednesday)
Wednesday	Maths	(to be returned on Friday)
Friday	Verbal Reasoning	(to be returned on Friday)
	Spelling Sentences	(to be returned Monday)
	Reading Book	(to be returned on Wednesday)
	Times Tables Activity	(to be returned on Monday)

There may be occasions when the children will be asked to complete some Science or Humanities tasks for homework. We encourage our children to spend any spare time they want to use for their studies on TT Rock Stars and Spelling Shed online activities. Please see your child's homework diary for their login details.

Swimming

We will begin our weekly swimming sessions at Altrincham Leisure Centre in February. We walk from school and enjoy an hour session with swimming teachers. Children need a towel, a pair of goggles and a one-piece swimming costume for girls or swimming trunk shorts for boys (not 'baggy' shorts). A swimming hat will be provided by the leisure centre for each child. Any earrings or jewellery will need to be removed before entering the pool.

P.E. Kit

Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit every day as the P.E. day may change because of the weather. All items of uniform should be clearly labelled. Kits should be brought to school each Monday and taken home on Friday. If your child uses an inhaler, it should be kept in school.

If your child needs to be exempt from a P.E. lesson for medical reasons a letter must be sent into school. Long hair should be tied back and all jewellery should be removed prior to the lesson. During the winter, it is advisable to wear tracksuit bottoms and a plain, navy sports top (other than the school jumper) for outdoor games, as it can get cold. Hooded tops are available to buy from the school uniform website. Please note that girls will need a spare pair of socks if they are wearing tights for school.

Kit: Blue shorts/red school polo top/training shoes/socks / blue track suits (for the winter)

Please encourage your child to bring in any items of interest relating to these topics.

Specialist Teaching

On Wednesday mornings, the children will enjoy specialist teaching through a carousel of activities. Mrs Needham will teach Computing, Mrs Gardner will teach French, Mr Read will teach PE and Mrs Mackenzie will teach Music.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children and thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Sheldon, Mr Nicholls & Mr Kerigan