

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2

Message from your teachers

Hello Parents! Time is flying by and the children have returned full of energy and keen to learn after their short break. We are sure this half term will be a busy but fun one.

As the weather changes can we remind the children to always have a coat in school as the temperatures can change throughout the day.

It is important that the children remain hydrated throughout the day and so can we remind the children to bring a water bottle in each day.

Key Dates for the Diary

Hebburn Light Switch on 29/11/21

Key Information

Your child's PE day is now a **Tuesday** and they are currently working with Grassroots to improve their skills. Children must have their full PE kit in school.

Your child is aware of their reading day. They should make sure they have their reading book and reading record in on this day to read with an adult in class. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home.

All homework is set on a **Friday**. The spelling sheet should be kept at home and the spellings practised daily, ready for the test on **Friday**. **Maths homework** is due on a **Wednesday**. Children are expected to know all of their times tables (x1 to x12) by the end of Year 4, Please work with your child on their times tables and encourage them to use Times Table Rock Stars and Hit the Button online.

Our learning in Year Four

Maths: This half term we have begun exploring Measurement. We will be learning to add and subtract length and measure perimeter. Following this we will begin Multiplication and Division. We will be multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. We will then be exploring multiplication and corresponding division facts for the remaining times tables.

English: This half term we will be developing our knowledge of fictional texts. We will read *Wombat Goes Walkabout* and become familiar with a variety of animals from Australia. We will then look at the characteristics of British animals and create our own version of the text but based within Britain.

Other Curriculum Areas

In **History** we will be focusing on the Romans. We will be studying the impact they had upon the world and their invasion of Britain.

In **Science** we are about to begin our 'States of Matter' topic where we explore the features of gas, solids and liquids. The year 4 children will be exploring the process of evaporation and conducting experiments investigating how materials and objects change from solids into liquids and liquids into solids. Throughout this topic the children will be investigating the process of evaporation and condensation using practical examples.

In **French** we will continue to extend our vocabulary and become confident in our conversational french.

In **R.E.** our work focuses on Reconciliation. We will be considering how to be a good Samaritan and think of others first. We will be looking at the parable of the Prodigal Son and considering the need to be contrite using the story of Zacchaeus as a way to see how we can start again. Later in the term we will celebrate the season of Advent and prepare for the very special celebration of the birth of Christ.

In **Music** we are exploring rhythm and pulse, beats in a bar and recognising time signatures. We will also be preparing for the season of Advent learning new hymns and songs to celebrate this time.

In our first **R.S.H.E** module, we will be learning how to stay healthy and look after our bodies. We will also look at the different sacraments within the Church. In **Class Reading**, we are continuing to read Danny Champion of the World (CG/LC) and Charlotte's Web (CR.)

