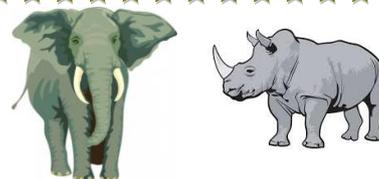


Curriculum Newsletter for Year 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back Year 4! We have a very exciting time ahead of us. In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements for the Spring Term.

Class	Year 4 – Rhino and Elephant	
Class Teacher	Miss Hams Miss Synnott	
Other teachers teaching the class	Mr Austin- Rhino (Thursday PM) Miss Barr- Elephant (Thursday PM) In case of sickness or absence it may be another member of staff.	
Support staff working in the classroom	Miss Gadd	
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday. Mathletics website home learning is set to help children practise and reinforce maths skills taught in school that week. Please also continue with daily reading at home. Spellings are set weekly on Thursdays– please practise these at home! Home learning must be handed in by a Tuesday at the latest so it can be marked ready to go home the following week.	
Reading books	Children can change their reading books every day if they wish, as long as they have read the book at home. Please try and hear your child read for at least 10 minutes each day. Please remember to sign the reading record when you have read with your child, indicating the page number reached. Again, any brief comments about how your child read the book or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment.	
PE kits	Our PE day is Wednesday. Please ensure named PE kits are in school every day. All jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons. Please note PE does take place outside, so appropriate clothing is needed particularly shorts this time of year.	
Planned trips this term:	Visitor- Explorer Dome	
Theme work	Summer 1	Summer 2
	<i>Walk Like and Egyptian</i>	<i>Samba to Brazil</i>

We have outlined below an overview of our learning this term, which will help you to support your child at home. If you have any questions about these topics, please come and talk to us.

Literacy

This term, we will be looking at persuasive texts and poetry. The children will be working towards writing a persuasive argument. Our Guided Reading groups continue to develop the children's comprehension and thinking skills, with an emphasis on inferential questions.

Maths

In Maths, we will begin by focusing on number and place value. We will then be learning methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and solving problems involving these calculations, including money. Later on in the term, we will be moving on to looking at fractions and decimals. We will develop our knowledge of the properties of shapes and about measurement, including telling the time.

RE

As a school, we will be learning through our collective worship sessions and in class about the Christian values of reverence and justice. In R.E, our learning focuses on Buddhism. After the half term we will be looking at the importance of liturgy to Christians.

PE

Our PE Games focus will be on athletics. We will be developing our track and field skills in preparation for sports day and the annual District Sports competition.

ICT/ Computing

Computer skills will be used across the curriculum. The children will have the opportunity to design and create using Publisher, PowerPoint, and Word documents for different audiences - editing and creating effective documents using colour, font size and style, borders and inserting pictures. They will also be focusing on how to code computer programmes.

Theme

Our theme this half term is Walk Like an Egyptian. The children will learn about where the Ancient Egyptians lived, what their lives were like, the gods that they believed in as well as the legacy they have left. They will research the river Nile and explore the impact it had on the Egyptians. The children will also take part in a DT challenge where they will build their own pyramid. After half term, we will be starting our new theme called 'Samba to Brazil'.

It is another busy and exciting term which we are sure your children will enjoy.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss Hams and Miss Synnott

