

Year 4

We hope you had a lovely break and are feeling energised and excited about the coming half term.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some information regarding the learning that will be taking place over the next half term.

Maths

Maths will be taught in two groups by Miss Atkin and Mr Farrar.

This half term, we will focus on multiplication and division. Multiplication and division are essential skills as they give the children a good foundation for future maths problems and learning.

Children will practise and secure new learning before solving problems and applying their knowledge in different contexts.

Times-tables knowledge is essential, so please encourage your child to practise them at home.

Reading

Reading is an essential life skill and is a source of inspiration for your child's writing. It is therefore expected that your child will read at least three times a week. Reading records will be checked daily.

Music

Mrs Tomlinson, will be teaching music to your child each Thursday. They will learn songs and gain experience with percussion instruments.

French

Madame Woodcock will continue to provide weekly French lessons that will broaden their knowledge of the spoken and written French language.



English

English will be taught by Miss Atkin, Mr Farrar and Mr Burrows.

The work we have planned this half-term will be focusing on the book 'The Mousehole Cat' By Antonia Barber.

Throughout this book, we will explore descriptions, narrative writing, newspaper articles and much more.

Additional information

PE kits must be in school **at all times**. Children are welcome to bring a dark coloured tracksuit and trainers for outdoor lessons.

Year 4 will be going swimming every Wednesday afternoon, it is therefore essential that all pupils need their swimming costume and towel on this day. Children with long hair are advised to have their hair tied and wear a swimming cap. Goggles can only be worn if a form is completed at the office.

Learning Challenge Curriculum



Our Learning Challenge Curriculum includes history, geography, art and technology. In Year 4, we will be exploring the topic 'What a Waste!'

This topic focusses on plastic pollution and the effect that this has on the environment around us. We will be conducting a variety of experiments throughout this topic to discover whether plastic decays or not and look at how we can dispose of it effectively.

Our topic will be enhanced by a visit from a pop up shop called: Little Green Footprint on 12th November at 3:30pm in the KS2 hall.

Vocabulary

Each afternoon lesson will begin by introducing a new key word linked to our topic. Words are split into three sections.

Anchor Words - These are words the children should already have knowledge of.

Goldilocks Words - These are words which will be taught over the half term.

Step Words - These are words which will rarely be used unless discussing the topic.

This is not an exhaustive list and will be added to as the children progress through the topic.



litter

variety

weaken

poison



*waste
dispose
reusable
reduce
marine
discard
toxic
threat
endangered
protect
sustain
environment
decay
impact
function
effective*



decompose

degrade

Homework

Each week, your child will be given spelling homework.

As outlined in the homework policy, maths homework will also be set on a weekly basis.

We thank you for your continued support in your child's learning. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to pop in and see us.

Miss Atkin and Mr Farrar