

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will have PE sessions on a Wednesday and Friday and are reminded to bring in their PE kits on this day. Please note that P.E. kit consists of a complete change of clothes; house t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts and trainers.

Please note that if your child does not have their P.E. kit, they will be unable to take part in the P.E. lesson, therefore missing an excellent learning opportunity!

Social Emotional Aspects of Learning

In PSHE, Year 4 will be exploring the following themes:

- What influences our food choices
- Staying healthy by getting enough sleep.

During these topics, Year 4 will discuss their goals for the year. They will learn about their feelings and how to recognise and deal with them. They will also learn how to cope with different friendship issues.

Reminders:

- School starts at 8:55am.
- Please ensure your child is reading for at least 20 minutes each day. Reading records should be brought into school every day.
- Children should be recording at least 3 comments a week in their reading diaries
- Times tables should be practised daily.
- Spellings are handed out on a Friday and are tested on a Monday
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Useful websites for home learning:

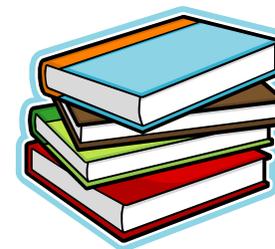
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>



YEAR 4 CURRICULUM BOOKLET



Information for Parents and Carers

Spring

COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

Throughout the Autumn Term children will be studying exciting text 'Gregory Cool' by Caroline Binch. They will explore different themes, settings and characters based on the text. The children will then combine their knowledge of the story with our geography topic to write persuasive adverts for tourists to visit Trinidad and Tobago.

Later in the term the children will take part in a storytelling workshop and will use this experience to re-write a well-known fairy-tale.

Any further support you can offer the children in reading different texts outside of school time would be greatly beneficial for their progression in Literacy.

You can also help to support your child by reminding them to use correct punctuation (i.e. full stops, capital letters, commas, exclamation marks etc) in their writing.

In addition to this children in 4G will be visiting the library on Monday afternoons, where they can borrow books to keep in school. Please help your child by sharing books with them, reading to them, and listening to them read regularly. We also encourage parents to comment in their child's reading diary at least once a week,

THE CREATIVE LEARNING JOURNEY

This term's topic is 'Trinidad and Tobago'. Year 4 will be investigating where the country is located, its culture and traditions and other geographical features. They will learn to use atlases/Google maps to investigate the location as well as use 4 figure grid-references. Finally, we will be using all of the information we have learnt to write up a comparison of Trinidad and Tobago and the UK. We will also be looking at examples of Caribbean art and using this to inspire our artwork this term.

In Spring 2, we will continue with our geography theme and complete a study on the world's most famous mountain ranges. The children will learn the locations of these key features and how they are formed.

MATHEMATICAL DEVELOPMENT

The first Maths unit that Year 4 will be studying this term is called shape and measure. This unit will cover 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. We will then investigate area, perimeter and how to convert different measurements. Later in the term, we will move on to reading and interpreting tables and graphs before returning to our key operations (addition, subtraction multiplication and division).

Some of the skills children will learn are:

- Calculate mentally using whole numbers.
- Use written methods for all four operations
- Read graphs and data tables.
- Understand and calculate with fractions

On Fridays throughout the term, the children will take part in 'Big maths' which aims to revise key mental arithmetic skills and strategies. Friday is also the day for our weekly times tables test. Any support you can offer your child to practise these outside of school time would be greatly beneficial for their progress in numeracy.

One of Year 4's key targets is to know all times tables and division facts by the end of the year!

SCIENCE

In the first half of the Autumn term, the Science topic is 'Electricity'

Year 4 will learn about:

- **Where electricity comes from**
- **Which appliance use electricity**
- **Michael Faraday and his accomplishments in science**
- **How to form a simple circuit**

In the second half of the Autumn term, the topic is 'Sound'.

SPANISH

During this half term, the children will revise what they have learnt in year 3. They will also be learning to understand and write instructions.

MUSIC

This term the children will be exploring how music can show different moods and characteristics. They will listen to and discuss a variety of music, before using what they have learnt to compose their own music.

