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Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter 2020

Happy New Year everyone. We are looking forward to another busy term ahead, with a new range of opportunities for inspired learning across the curriculum. This letter outlines the topics to be covered during the Spring Term.

English

The children will continue to have daily English lessons focusing on all aspects of writing, punctuation and grammar. During the spring term, we will be covering fantasy and classic narratives, non-chronological reports, recounts, persuasion and explanations. Throughout the term, we will be linking genres with texts such as *The BFG* by Roald Dahl and *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame. We will also have Guided Reading sessions daily, where the children will follow a text with structured questioning and development of reading skills with an adult and then follow up their learning with skill-based tasks. Please ensure your child learns their spellings weekly at home. A spelling sheet for the term will be sent home. Your child knows to read their book on a nightly basis. Please sign and comment in their Reading Record in order for us to change their books in school and complete a Book Review to earn a House Token towards our on-going reading incentive in class.

Maths

Listed below are the main objectives we will be covering during the Spring Term.

Number Work – place value, negative numbers, counting in tenths and hundredths, decimal notation for 10ths and 100ths and written methods for all four operations when solving problems. (+ - x ÷)

Measures – length (converting and comparing), solving measure problems and calculating area and perimeter.

Fractions - revise basic fractions, common equivalent fractions, fraction notation for 10ths and 100ths and adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

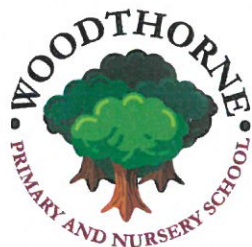
Arithmetic lessons will take place every Friday, learning new strategies and methods whilst consolidating previous ones. On a fortnightly basis, children will continue to take their Maths Magicians test. Towards the end of Year 4, all children will be completing a national times tables test, so your child will need to know all of their times tables (up to 12x12) as soon as possible and recalling each one within six seconds. We will have a weekly focus in class and each week your child will have tables to learn in their homework book. Remember to log into Times Table Rock Stars on a regular basis to keep up the speed and pace. *Can you beat your teacher or a friend?*

Creative Curriculum – Best of British

This term we have a geography focus on 'Britain'.

History – The history of the Windsor royal family. Briefly explore major historical events which have shaped our nation today.

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Geography – Cities and capitals of UK countries, important attractions, counties of England, comparing modern UK settlements (hamlets, villages, towns, cities), town use survey (human features), tourism, rivers and their processes – River Severn/Penk (TBD) case study, mountains in the UK.

Art – British Artists (Constable) Trees and landscapes.

Design Technology – Cooking – English inspired recipes. Sewing – cross stitch and decorative.

Computing – Coding Scratch, Google Earth, online search engines and Google Maps.

Music – British Artists (Music Workshop exploring the 'The Greats' such as Queen and The Beatles)

French – Linguascope (My Day and Animals)

Science

The first half term will begin with the focus on 'States of Matter including the Water Cycle'. The second half term will be 'Living Things and their Changing Environments.'

RE

The RE focus this term:

Judaism and Judaism in the UK.

PSHE

During PSHE this term, we will be focussing on *Keeping Safe* and *British Values*.

PE

The children will take part in a variety of PE activities during the term. We have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our proposed focuses are: *dance* and *football* in Spring 1 and *swimming* and *basketball* in Spring 2. Details on swimming dates will be outlined in a letter of consent before half term.

Please ensure named PE kits are brought in at the beginning of the term and taken home at half term to be washed. Children should have an indoor PE kit (shorts, white t-shirt and black pumps) and an outdoor PE kit (dark joggers, warm hoodie and trainers.)

Homework

All children will receive topic or project-based homework each week. They will also have spelling and times tables lists sent home to learn on a weekly basis. (Friday to Friday)

Equipment needed in school

We supply children with writing and learning equipment, so there is really no need for children to bring in their own. We ask that children do however bring in their own named water bottle.

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any concerns after school on the playground. We look forward to a productive, creative and memorable term.

Mrs Cotterill and Miss Athwal (Year 4 Class Teachers), Miss Smith (Year 4 TA)