



YEAR GROUP 4 AUTUMN TERM 2020 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful summer break. We look forward to an exciting Autumn Term. Here is what the children will be learning this term:

Maths	During the term the children will be working on place value; including ordering and comparing numbers, rounding and estimating numbers, develop mental fluency of addition and subtraction, factors, problem solving, formal written method of multiplication and division, units of measure, time graphs and perimeter. Throughout the year we will have a large focus on times tables and associated facts in preparation for a statutory times tables assessment at the end of the year.
English	To begin our term we will be completing a whole school study on the book <i>Flotsam</i> . Our end goal is to complete a sequel to this story. Throughout the unit we will develop a greater understanding of language features such as expanded noun phrases and adverbials. We will also rehearse what we know about nouns, verbs and adjectives. We will then move onto the book <i>Arthur and the Golden Rope</i> where we will focus on descriptive writing; with the end result being a short narrative. In Autumn 2, we will look at the book <i>The King who Banned the Dark</i> where we will focus more on oral and persuasive writing. Finally, we will look at <i>Biscuit Bear</i> where we will complete a more extended piece of writing using many of the skills we have learnt throughout the term.
Geography	In Geography the children will be exploring lines of longitude and latitude, the prime meridian line, the tropics of cancer and Capricorn and the northern and southern hemisphere. We will also be exploring our local area and how it has changed over time.
History	In the second half of term we will be looking at a topic called Law and Power. This will include a study of Henry II, Richard I, King John and Henry III.
Science	In Science the children will learn about Sound including how sound is made, vibrations and how sound travels. In the second half of term will look at Animals including humans, this will include teeth and the digestive system in humans, and food chains.
Art	In Art the children will be looking at light this includes drawing and shading 3D objects. In the second half of term we will look at art space, this includes dimensions, 3D and 2D, foreground and background, middle ground.
RE	The children will be learning about what Hindu's believe about God and God's. We will then look at how Christians celebrate Christmas in different countries and how Hindu's celebrate Diwali.

Computing	We will look at esafety and then use Purple Mash to develop our coding skills. In the second half of term we will then look at creating spreadsheets and using different processors to write for different audiences.
PE	The children will be doing dance in the first half of term and then we will move onto gymnastics.

PE- Children in will need to come to school in their PE kit on **Thursdays**. They should come to school wearing their PE kits. This should be plain black tracksuit bottoms (shorts in the Summer), a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. They will also need their Parkside School jumper.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. Earrings should be studs and no jewellery should be worn unless faith related.

Water- It is important that children bring a bottle of water each day. Please make sure the bottle has your child's name on it.

Home Learning- Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading diary. Children will be set weekly spellings and times tables to learn and will be tested on a Friday. A choice of homework will be set half termly and children should strive to complete as many of the activities as they can, we look forward to viewing and celebrating their work.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me:

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Kind Regards,

Year 4 Team