

Year 4 Curriculum Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the school year. We are extremely excited to share with you all the fantastic learning opportunities we will be experiencing this term.

Detailed below are the areas we are covering this term and suggestions of how you can help at home:

Subject	Information	How you can help
English	This term, English will cover a range of texts including fiction and non-fiction with cross-curricular links to our topic	Please listen to your child read as often as possible and ask questions about the text as this really makes a difference to their
	work on 'Ancient Egypt'. We will also be reading for research, finding out	learning.
	about the Ancient Egyptians. We will be covering a wide variety of genre from story writing, poetry and instructional writing.	Please help them learn their 10 weekly spelling words and any homework set.
Maths	This term, for place value, we are looking at numbers up to 10,000. Adding and subtracting numbers with up to 4 digits. Later in the term we will	Please practise timetables up to 12 on a regular basis, along with their associated division facts. E.g. if 5 x 11 = 55 Then 55 divided by 11 = 5
Thousands Hundreds Tens Ones	be learning the by 3, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12-times table, with special attention being paid to finding patterns and practising the children's recall of times table facts.	It is important that Year 4 children have an excellent recall of times table facts for their times table check in the Summer term.
Science	In science, we will be learning about living things and looking at grouping and classifying animals and plants. We will also be learning about states of matter. This will include exploring solids liquids and gases, the water cycle and measuring temperature change.	When out and about, have a look at what living things you notice in the environment. Can your child tell you what group these living things come in to? Discuss the different states of matter. Where can you see examples of evaporation and condensation? Discuss how water changes from a solid to a liquid and to a gas.
Topic	Our topic this term is 'Tomb Raiders'. Throughout the term, we will learn about the life of ordinary Ancient Egyptians and the Pharaohs, about the Gods and Goddess and some famous figures such as King Tutankhamun, Howard Carter and Queen Cleopatra.	Discuss the Ancient Egyptians at home what do the children already know? Read stories set in the era and encourage them to research life in ancient Egypt or its important figures.
Computing	We will be linking our computing work to all areas of the curriculum where possible. We will be using the internet to research and support our topic and science work as well as reinforcing e-safety during these lessons, we will	Please discuss how to keep safe online, not sharing names or personal information with people you meet online. Treating people online with kindness as we treat people in real life.



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	also be having a go at coding and creating our own algorithms.	https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children- safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/
RE	This term we will be focusing on Creation, Jesus teaches us how to pray, Advent and Christmas	Discuss learning at home, allowing time for reflection.
PE	Mrs Hawley will teach PE on Tuesday afternoon and on Coventry Rugby are delivering PE on a Wednesday afternoon.	Please make sure your child has appropriate PE kit in school for these sessions.
Music	Year 4 will have Music with Warwickshire Sings and Mrs Hawley on Tuesday afternoon this term and learn a range of song and pieces of Music.	Sing the songs at home and listen and discuss different types of music and instruments suggesting instruments that accompany different pieces.
RSHE	We will be discussing emotions and feelings as complex and changeable things that we sometimes find difficult to understand or explain - especially when hormones are involved! We will learn to examine our feelings, and try to understand them and what causes them. We will also spend time reflecting on their emotional well-being, and what we can do to help themselves stay emotionally healthy.	Follow up at home would be appreciated. The children may have questions to ask at home relating to lessons.

Please ensure all reading books are in school daily. Children will receive homework on a Friday, to be returned by the following Wednesday. Spelling words are given out on Monday to be practised at home, spelling checks with be done on a Monday afternoon.

Staff Days:

Mrs Hawley (Mon-Wed) Miss Costa (Thurs-Fri)

Thank you for your continued support, it is so appreciated. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any queries, worries or concerns. Either speak to us on the playground or feel free to email us directly on the emails below between 8am – 4pm.

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Mrs Hawley and Miss Costa