



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 2017

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English and Mathematics

Mathematics

- Number, place value and ordering
- Mental addition and subtraction
- Written addition and subtraction
- Shape
- Time and graphs, including bar charts
- Division and fractions
- Mental multiplication and division
- Length and weight
- Decimals

English

- Newspaper articles
- Explanation and Instructional texts
- Poetry
- Narrative (The Iron Man)
- Show Don't Tell' (descriptive writing using animations)

RE

This term our RE will be about Sikhism and we will be learning about the 5 Ks. The children will create a PowerPoint to demonstrate their learning. This will be taught as a separate week long topic.

Primary Languages

We will continue to build on learning from this year and study speaking, listening, reading and some reading of Spanish.

PE

This term we will develop flexibility and control in dance. We will also be enjoying Athletics and fielding and striking games.

We will be outside for the majority of our PE lessons so please ensure the children have suitable outdoor kit, including trainers and tracksuits.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

Electricity is helpful. It provides energy that we use to light our homes and operate lots of other things. But electricity can also be dangerous. Lots of people are hurt and killed each year in electrical accidents. We could avoid the accidents by following these simple safety tips ...

- NEVER** stick finger, toys or other objects into an electrical outlet. You might get hurt by electricity.
- NEVER** place a hair-dryer, radio or other electronics near the bathtub or shower. Electricity and water are dangerous partners!
- NEVER** pull a plug from an outlet by its cord. Electricity could jump from the cord and give you a nasty zap.
- NEVER** place your drinks on top of your video games or other electronics. They could easily spill, and get you zapped by electricity.
- NEVER** climb trees near power lines. You might touch one by mistake and get zapped.
- STAY AWAY** from places marked with warning signs. These places are very dangerous, even for adults!

Anytime you need to use something that needs electricity, **ask an adult for help!** Remember, you can never be too safe.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	English	English	P.E	English
B R E A K				
Maths	Maths	Maths	P.E	Maths
L U N C H				
Theme	Science	Music	English	Theme
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Key Dates for the Diary

Half term
02.07.18 Assessment Week
09.07.18 Children to meet new teacher
13.07.18 KS2 Sports Day (weather dependent)
14.07.18 Reports home to parents
17.07.18 Children to move to new class

Other information:

Break Time

snacks should be a healthy choice, fruit or a plain biscuit. Thank you for your support with this.

Homework

Maths and spelling homework is given out on a Friday and is due in on the following Thursday. Theme homework is due in on Monday 21st May and Monday 9th July.

Lost property

Please ensure that your child's items are appropriately named and that **they** know which items they have in school. We have a lost property box, but it is full!

P.E

Where possible, children in KS2 should have all of their named PE kit (indoors and outdoors) in one PE bag. These will be sent home in the holidays for washing.

Man Vs Robot.

This term we are studying Robots, with particular emphasis on 'Electricity', 'Sound' and scientific enquiry.

We will be finding out about hydraulic movements, inventions and inventors, the history of technology and in turn designing and making our own electrical circuits.

We will study the Iron Man by Ted Hughes and the futurism in Art, painting in the style of Eric Joyner. We will also be covering programming, using algorithms, animations and the responsible use of the internet.

We will also be looking at healthy eating and creating a healthy meal. We hope to invite you in to taste the children's cooking and to share their work for this term. A provisional date is Tuesday 10th July at 2pm.

We would love to visit Legoland in Windsor, they have workshops around robotics designed for schools. Any volunteers to help on what promises to be a long but wonderful day will be gratefully received (date and details tbc).

We would also like to visit Frankie and Bennies in Kings Lynn to learn about healthy eating and how restaurants are developing these menu choices.

We will send more information about possible visits, nearer the time.

What can we do at home?

Regular practice of reading and mental maths (subtraction facts please!) are helpful, it doesn't have to be for very long. 4-5 minutes each day is better than one half an hour session each week.

Talk to your child about how electrical items work in the house. Point out any possible electrical hazards and talk about how to be safe around electricity.

When shopping look at food labels with your child. Particularly look at carbohydrates and the sugar content of foods. It is great to compare and discuss the varieties and brands of foods available.

Please encourage your child to use a number line when subtracting. Often the children are trying to do a column method. The column method is not taught in year 4 and is therefore confusing to the children.