



YEAR 4 - CURRICULUM INFORMATION - SPRING 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after Christmas. I hope both you and your children have had a relaxing break. The children have all settled in well and I am delighted that I will be their class teacher until the end of the summer term. Our topic this half term is 'Extreme Earth' and we will be exploring physical geography: volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and tornadoes. We will look at what the earth is made up of and marvel at amazing feats by humans, such as the ascent of Everest in 1953 by Hillary and Norgay. The book that will be our English focus will be 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman; an exciting story of a brave young girl called Lila who has to go on an exciting adventure to fulfil her dream of becoming a Firework-Maker like her father.

Mrs Gabriel:

Mrs Gabriel will be teaching the children every Friday. As well as their usual Forest School, the children will be working on their spellings and PSHE on this day. This half term in PSHE we will be answering the question 'How will we grow and change?' This is the unit where we discuss and learn about physical and emotional changes that happen during puberty. This is now part of the statutory Relationships and Health Education. If you would like any further information to support discussions at home please let us know and we can support with this.

Please can I ask that the children wear layers for Forest School as we are now into the cold winter months, as well as gloves, hats and more than one pair of socks to keep toes warm.

Mental Maths:

We will continue with our Mental Maths morning activity and will specifically be improving our times tables on the 'TT Rockstars' computer programme. It would really benefit the children to spend a little time at home practising these. Knowing their times tables supports mathematical learning and understanding, especially when new concepts are being introduced in class. The children will also have their Multiplication Check in the Summer Term and are required to recall facts up to 12 x 12 in a short space of time.

Homework:

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and be tested the following Friday. Reading and times tables should also be worked on at home throughout the week. Please mark any reading in the white home liaison book. Reading books can be changed throughout the week, as required.

PE:

Please ensure that children have the correct kit in their PE bags. Dark tracksuit bottoms and a jumper are ideal for this term, along with trainers. A spare pair of socks and a plastic bag for muddy trainers will also be beneficial. This half term, indoor PE will be dance (every Thursday) and outdoor PE will be football (every Tuesday).

Home School Books

Please can these be in school every day. They are a useful method of communication and spellings are completed in them every Friday.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information on the curriculum programme for this term. The class email address is: year4@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely
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