



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 4 Autumn 1 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first half term of the year. This will be a busy half-term for the children; they will be settling into their new classes and getting to know the adults working with them. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

Swimming day is Wednesday; please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them. PE day is Thursday; please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them.

Homework will go out Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time.

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Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Literacy we will be learning about Narratives and the theme will be suspense.

Our grammar focus will be on expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials, as well as building our vocabulary.

Our first core text will be 'The Iron Man'.

In Numeracy our key skills focus will be on the four operations, measure - time, Number and place value.

Problem solving, challenges, investigations

Mental arithmetic, times tables, effective methods & strategies.

In Jewish Studies, we will be focussing on the Jewish festivals of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah as well as brushing up on our Tefillah skills. We are also starting to work on an exciting Israel-linked project.

In PE we will be working on netball and Art day will be on the 18th of October.

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Our Science work will be on Electricity. We will identify common appliances that run on electricity, construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.

In RE, we will learn about Sukkot and explore how Jews give thanks for God's love, care and protection.

In PSHCE, we will be learning about 'Being Responsible' and to understand that everybody has a role and a responsibility

In Humanities, our focus is History where we will be learning about Anglo Saxons: a study of their life and achievements and their influence on the western world

In ICT, we will be using our computing skills to create presentations and to also publish our work. We will also be using ICT tools to research.