

Kiwi Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Year 4
Spring Term 2
2024

Welcome to Year 4

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Homework

Homework in Year 4 involves reading daily, practicing the spellings that are on Dojo and sent home. We would also like the children to practice times table rockstars at least 3 times per week. Please make sure the children are reading daily and recording their reading in their reading records. They can read to themselves and write in their record themselves or you can write in on their behalf; the key thing is that the children read every day.

P.E.

PE is on a Tuesday we carry out two sessions on the same day. Please make sure children bring their PE kit to school and leave it at school as it is possible our PE day changes due to weather. We would like the PE kit to be in school so we can be flexible with PE.

Dojo

Please keep an eye out for any messages on class Dojo and please feel free to contact us on Dojo if you have any questions or need any help.

English

Our writing focus for this term is portal stories and discussion texts. We will be studying the features of these text types then producing our own using these new skills.

In guided reading we will be focusing on the key skills of retrieval and summary. Much of our guided reading will be centred on our class book, *Matilda* by Roald Dahl.

Maths

We will be focusing on multiplication and division at the start of the term and learning 1 or 2 key strategies for these processes. We will then be starting our learning on fractions. Initially, we will be understanding 'the whole' then we will learn about equal parts and improper fractions. This term we will also be learning about measurement and perimeter.

History

Our history topic is 'How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?' We will learn about why the Romans left Britain and why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain.

We will also learn to name key Anglo-Saxon settlements in Britain and then investigate some significant artefacts. Towards the end of the term, we will learn about why the Vikings came to Britain.

Science

Our science theme this term is 'Energy - Sound and vibration'. We will learn to describe how different instruments make sound and explore the link between sound and vibration. We will explore the relationship between vibration strength and volume. We will also explore how whales and dolphins communicate using sound underwater and we will work scientifically to gather and present data using bar charts.

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Religious Education

RE this term is based on the Easter story and Christianity. We will block this unit of learning so it is delivered towards the end of term. The children will learn about the Easter story and why this is such a significant story to Christians.

Music

In music, we will continue to have weekly ukulele lessons with our teacher, Greg. We will be learning to play individually as well as part of a group.

Computing

In computing, we are learning about websites and website design. We will explore a range of websites and learn about common features of websites. We will also design our own website.

Physical Education

Our PE this term will be tennis and dance. In tennis we will be learning the core skills involved in tennis including how to hit a ball with control and purpose. We will build up to mini tennis matches implementing the skills we have learned. In dance, we are working on the canon and fluidity of movements and sequencing and timing.

PSHE

Much of our PSHE depends on the needs of the groups but we will follow a scheme called SCARF. This term we are focusing on safety.

Art / Design Technology

In design technology we will be researching different types of fastenings. We will learn to mark and cut fabric using a paper template and will then create designs to make our own book covers.

Enrichment Activities

In Year 4, our enrichment club on a Thursday is focusing on learning to play games with our friends in a responsible and respectable way.