

Kiwi Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Year 4 Spring Term 1 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 suspense. We will be learning about personification and similes and using these to create suspense and tension in our writing. We will be learning to make our writing engaging and exciting by using powerful descriptions and thinking about how our word choices make the reader feel.

Science

Our science theme this term is 'States of matter.' We will be learning that all things are made of matter and that this matter can be in different states depending on temperature. We will learn about solids, liquids and gases and their properties. We will learn to group materials and we will also design and conduct our own investigations to test properties of materials.

Computing

In computing, we are learning about computer systems and networks. We will learn how computer systems are connected via the internet and how this enables us to work collaboratively.

Art / Design Technology

In design technology we are learning about electrical systems and we will be designing and making our own torches. We will likely complete our D.T learning during the last week of term as a block.

Maths

We will be focusing on our core number skills this term and developing our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills. We will be learning times tables every day as this is a vital skill, especially for Year 4. We will also introduce fractions this term and begin to understand the concept of 'the whole'. We will learn how to calculate fractions of numbers as well as shapes and will be looking at equivalency.

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Physical Education

Our PE this term will be gymnastics and netball. In gymnastics we will be learning to create sequences of movement and balance.

We will learn to do this using mats and apparatus and we will work both individually and as part of a group. In netball, we will be learning how to use space to our advantage and how to play as part of a team. We will learn about the rules of netball and learn the importance of sticking to the rules and playing with a positive attitude.

Geography

Our geography topic is 'where does our food come from?' This unit is about understanding that our food travels to our homes from all over the world and that this process has an impact on the environment. We will learn how the production of different foods affects the environment in different ways and things we can do to help our environment.

Religious Education

RE this term is about Buddhism. We will learn the core concepts of Buddhism including the main beliefs and practices. We will also learn about Buddha and learn to retell his story. We will consider this religion alongside other religions we have studied and make comparisons.

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.

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 rights and respect.

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. We are also visiting Milestones Museum this term so that we can revisit our learning about children in the past.