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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – 2018 to 2019

Dear Parents,

Here at West Winch Primary School we welcome and encourage the important link between home and school. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education. This letter is to inform you of the topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working on throughout this year.

Core Subjects (English, Mathematics and Science)

The main topics are:

English – Across both Reading and Writing, we will be looking at stories with a historical setting and as well as those from another culture. We will be studying stories, recounts and information texts based on our topics throughout the year. We will also be reading and writing poetry again linked to our topics.

Mathematics – Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using place value, partitioning, number sequences and known facts. We will be using formal written methods as well as informal jottings and quick mental recall strategies. We will also cover money and 'real life' problems (topic-related where possible), statistics using bar charts as well as shape, space and position. All tables up to 12x12 will be practised.

This academic year The Government is introducing a Year 4 times tables check. This will happen in the summer term and you can support your child be practising at home. Speed of recall will be of great importance with children only given a few seconds for each answer. You will find the following websites useful:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Science – These will be areas covered in science this year:

- Living things and their habitats. Animals including humans (Autumn Term).
- Sound and States of Matter (Spring Term).
- Electricity (Summer Term).

Class Topics

The main class topic that we will be covering until Christmas is South America with a focus on the Amazon Rainforest. In the Spring term we focus on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings including a class trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village. Our final topics in the Summer term will explore our local area, then moving onto robots and technology.

We would love to borrow any artefacts linked to these topics. We are also interested to hear from anyone who would like to talk to the class if they have any expertise related to the main class topic or those being covered in Science. All items brought into school will be looked after and returned safely – but please name them!

R.E.

For the whole of the autumn term, Year 4 children will be learning about Christianity. Until half term, the focus will be on Catholicism and how the religion spread across South America. Then, the focus will move onto Christmas and the journeys that Christians make at that time of year.

Homework & Spellings

Homework is given as an extension to work in class and is used to reinforce and extend your child's knowledge and skills, as well as to inform you of the type of material already taught in that week. It is a very important part of their education, so please make time for your child to complete their home activities, supporting them as needed. Just to remind you that homework in Year 4 also involves reading with your child and times tables practice (**please record reading in the reading record in the usual manner**).

Spellings are sent home on Wednesday afternoons. These should be handed back into school on the following Wednesday, with both the front and the back of the sheet completed, ready for the spelling test that day. Maths or English homework will also be given out on Wednesdays. This should be returned by the following Wednesday to be marked. Homework for other subjects will be given on other days as the need arises.

P.E.

PE for Year 4 is on Monday mornings. A full P.E. kit (as listed in the school prospectus) should be kept in school at all times. Please also see the school prospectus regarding jewellery. Year 4 will be swimming for the first half term on Fridays. Games sessions will be outside for as long as the weather permits.

Art/D.T.

Art or Design Technology is on Wednesday afternoon and will usually be related to the main class topic. If you feel that your child would like to bring in their own overall or shirt, please feel free to send them in (clearly named!).

I hope you have found this letter useful. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T. Little
Year 4 Class Teacher