

Year 4 Autumn 1 Curriculum

Welcome to Year 4. The Year 4 team are all pleased to welcome both you and all of the children back. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer holiday and that the children are refreshed, revitalised and ready to work. The Year 4 team are excited to see the children's curiosity and imagination shine through in their Mad Hatter's hats they will be creating during the summer holidays ready of our tea party. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this year and we are looking forward to starting the Year 4 journey!

Autumn 1 Curriculum – Alice in Wonderland and Ticket To Ride

We start the year with a short topic, Alice in Wonderland and are looking forward to our Mad Hatter's Tea Party on **Friday 6th September**. We delve in to the imaginary world created by CS Lewis exploring language choices and creating our own imaginary settings. This is combined with an art journey reminding children of colour mixing and learning about contrasting colours.

Our main topic this half term is Ticket to Ride. We will kick this topic off with a Rock 'n' Roll dance party for the children on **Monday 16th September**. We look forward to seeing the children in their 1950s or 1960s costumes!

Throughout this topic, children will be developing their geography skills as they use a range of maps to collect information about this famous city. Through research, debates and drama, the children will explore all aspects of Liverpool's culture including the history of the city, music influences and trade links.

In our PE session, the children will be developing their dancing skills by learning some Rock 'n' Roll moves.

To round off the topic we will be putting on a play to showcase our learning. **Our performance will be confirmed in the new year.**

Homework

MATHS - Each week the children will be set times table homework which will always be online on Times Table Rock stars. The children's username and password will be noted in their planners. <https://trockstars.com/login>

SPELLINGS – Curriculum words will be sent home in the first week and can also be found in the planners. Please encourage the children to learn these spellings throughout the next few weeks ready for a test in the final week of the half term.

READING – children should be reading at home regularly and recording this in their planners. We expect the children to be reading at least four times per week and should be recording a reflection each time in their planners. At the end of each term there will be a reward for those that have completed their reading and reflections. Teachers will check planners each week in class, we will share with the children their day in the new year.

PE

Outdoor Games: Tuesday mornings with Team Spirit

Indoor P.E: Friday morning

During indoor PE the children will be doing Dance. They will focus on Rock 'n' Roll, which links to our topic.

P.E. Kit- Please ensure that all children have a white coloured T- Shirt and black shorts. Alternatively they may wear a plain coloured T-Shirt representing their house colour. It is crucial that children have a lightweight rain jacket and warm clothing as Tuesday's lessons are outdoors. Long hair must always be tied up and all jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed then please provide tape to cover them up.

Key Dates in Year 4

Autumn 1

06.09.19 - Mad Hatter's Tea Party, please bring your summer projects in on this day.

06.09.19 – 1950s/1960s Rock n' Roll Dance

Week beginning 21.10.19 – Curriculum Spelling Test, the words the children have been learning over half term.

End of Autumn 1 – At the end of the half term, beginning of the new half term we will be celebrating our learning with our school play. Once we have confirmed the day and time we will communicate this with you.

In2Music – In year 4, the children get the opportunity to learn an instrument. At the beginning of the new year a letter will be sent home with the options for your child to list their preferences of instrument. Lessons usually start towards the end of Autumn 1.

Autumn 1 Curriculum Spellings

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These can also be found in the children's planners.

Parent Helpers Do you have any spare time during school hours to help with reading or times table practise? The school would be extremely grateful to any family members willing to give up their free time to help the children. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help.

We have a very exciting year planned and look forward to working with you and your children! Thank you for all of your support.

The Year 4 Team

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