

Year 4 Autumn Term 2 Curriculum

As we draw our first half term to an end we reflect on what an amazing start to the year we have had. The children have been engaged in their learning and have produced some fabulous pieces of work in all areas of the curriculum. Rehearsals are in full swing ahead of our upcoming play, on Thursday 7th November. We look forward to seeing many of you then to share the outcome of our topic Ticket to Ride.

Autumn 2 Curriculum – Better Than Stone

This half term the children will be travelling back in time to learn about life during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron age periods. With tools as our focus, children will be learning how everyday implements developed, changed through time and helped to improve the lives of everyday people.

The children will also get the chance to experience Iron Age building techniques when we visit Buster ancient farm for our first trip of year 4 on

Wednesday 13th November.

Science, art and literacy will all be included in our topic learning this half term. The children will be producing Stone Age art work, historical information texts and in science we will be focusing on the changing state of materials.

The outcome for this topic will be a celebration of all the children's learning in a hands on museum exhibit. The children will be sharing their knowledge by inviting the another year group to see their museum exhibits.

Homework – 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 is noted in their planners.

<https://trockstars.com/login>

SPELLINGS – Curriculum words can be found in the planner on page 28. Please encourage the children to learn these spellings throughout the next half term for a test in the final week of half term.

READING – children should be reading at home regularly and recording this in their planners. We expect the children to be reading and reflect at least four times per week. This should be recorded in their planners. Teachers will check planners each week in class.

Autumn 2 Curriculum Spellings

Imagine consider potatoes guide thought island arrive
therefore famous experiment

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

PE

Outdoor Games: Tuesday (all classes)

The children have enjoyed playing football this half term during their outdoor session with Team Spirit. Next half term they will be having a go at a range of other invasion games.

Indoor P.E: Friday (all classes)

During indoor PE the children will be doing gymnastics, specifically balances. They will be designing a routine that flows between each of the balances.

P.E. Kit- Please ensure that all children have Shirley Junior sports house top, alternatively, they may wear a plain coloured T-Shirt representing their house colour or the new school PE tops. 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 they must be taped using tape you have provided.

Parent Helpers

Do you have any spare time during school hours to help with reading or times table practise?

The year 4 team would be extremely grateful to any family members willing to give up their time to help the children.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help.

Music

Our In2music teachers will continue teaching this half term. All classes will continue to play either clarinet, trumpet or flute and will soon be ready to bring the instrument home to practise.

Key Dates:

11.11.19	Remembrance day – service at St James, Grandparents only invited 2.30pm
11.11.19	Flu Immunisations
12.11.19	Parents Evening
13.11.19	Butser Farm trip
14.11.19	Parents Evening
15.11.19	INSET day

We look forward to working with you and your children this term!

The Year 4 Team

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