Year 4 Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Class teacher: Miss Studholme **Teaching Assistants**: Mrs Newall.

Reading

Guided reading book: 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'



Please ensure you read at least three times a week with your child as this will enhance and encourage a love of reading.

Writing

We will be working on a range of writing genres this half term including setting descriptions, character descriptions, story writing, informative writing, poetry and letter writing.

We will link our writing to our current topic "How have children's lives changed?', and our guided reading book, as a way to enhance the children's learning and allow them to apply their new knowledge.

We will be learning and applying spellings each day in class and they will be tested on Friday each week. Please ensure your child practises their spellings each week at home.

Maths

Areas of maths covered this half term:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction

Times tables

Year 4 need to be fluent with times tables up to 12 x 12. They may be set homework tasks on 'Times Tables Rock Stars'.

PE

Year 4 will be working on their balance, agility and coordination this half term by working on multi-skills. Year 4 will also be going swimming this half term as part of their PE curriculum.

Science

Our first science topic is 'States of Matter' .They will learn:

- What the three states of matter are and their properties.
- How water evaporates.
- The properties of gases.
- How materials change state.
- All about the water cycle.



History

During this half term, we will be learning about how Britain changed from the Tudor to the Victorian period. The children will:

- Place the Tudor (1485–1603) and Victorian (1833–1901) periods on a timeline.
- Explore how individuals, science and technology brought about change.
- Understand how society, education and people's lifestyles differed over time.
- Identify historically significant events and their impact on people's lives.
- Use images and evidence to make inferences about the past.
- Understand that historians can change their ideas when new evidence is discovered.
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ICT/Computing

During this half term, we will be learning how to create, test and debug programs. The children will:

- Break problems into smaller parts to make them easier to solve.
- Use loops to reduce repetition in code.
- Understand and use variables to store changing information.
- Use conditional statements to make programs respond to user input.
- Identify and fix errors through debugging.
- Recognise sequencing, coding and missing-code errors.

Art/D&T

We will be focusing on drawing and painting in Art this half term. They will focus on story telling through drawing.

Music

During this half term, we will be learning about rock and roll music and how to perform it. The children will:

- Explore the origins and key features of rock and roll music.
- Learn about blues chord structures, fast tempos and strong vocals.
- Explore bass lines and practise playing a walking bass line.
- Develop their ability to play in time with others.

Homework

Year 4 will be expected to access Timetables Rockstars regularly at home. They may be set homework on TimesTables Rockstars - this is a vital piece of homework as it helps the children become fluent with their times tables.

Children may also be given homework to support lessons sometimes. For example, to plan a piece of writing.

If you would like to follow up on our learning at home, you could:

- Enjoy reading together as much as possible.
- Plan a local visit which links to your child's topic if possible.
- Research your child's topic together.
- Visit the local library to research your child's topic and/or encourage a love for reading.
- Set challenges on TimesTables Rockstars. There is an option for a parent account. Can you beat your child?

- Understand the importance of playing notes at the correct speed and duration. 		