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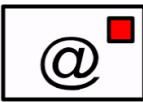
Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Class 4

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	Teacher's Message	<p>Hello to all of the lovely parents and carers of the children in Class 4! I hope you all have had an amazing Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all have had a deserved restful break and have been relaxing as much as you can over the Christmas holidays.</p> <p>Please read on to find out about all the new and exciting learning which Class 4 and I will be getting up to for the first part of the spring term.</p>
	Homework	<p><u>Set on Class Dojo every Friday:</u></p> <p><u>Spellings:</u> Weekly spellings will consist of a list of 10 words with the Year 3/4 statutory spellings list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Weekly Spelling Tests will take place on Fridays. ➤ Please make sure your child is practising their spellings as much as possible. <p><u>Maths:</u> IXL activities linking to our classroom learning. TTRS multiplication sums will also be available for the children to access at home if they wish. As a class, we have been practising our timetables each day, asking random timetable questions as the children come into school as well as doing small tests as a class. Despite the multiplication check won't be happening till later on in June, the more practice the better the children will become. Constant practice doing it as much as you can.</p> <p><u>Reading:</u> Children will be asked to take home their AR books home from school daily. You should try to at least read with your child for at least 5 minutes. They can then quiz on these in school on 'Accelerated Reader'.</p> <p>Homework will be set on Class Dojo on Friday after school and be due the following Friday.</p>
	Reading for Pleasure	<p>For this half term we will be continuing to read 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl. This has been an interesting read so far for the children and they have been surprised at the different stories which has occurred in the different settings. The children and I are looking forward to what this book has in store for us as we continue to read it this half-term.</p> 

	English	<p>In English, we will be continuing to carry on and learn about looking at the topic of dialogue eventually creating our own conversations on a place that we have visited. Near the end of Autumn 2, the children were introduced to a new text called 'A Walk in London' by Salvatore Rubbino.</p> <p>Eventually once we have finished our dialogue conversations, Class 4 will then be exploring creating their own fantasy stories. The children will be introduced a new text called Jack and the Dream sack by Laurence Anholt.</p>
	Maths	<p>Throughout this term in Maths, Class 4 will be continuing their learning surrounding multiplication and division with fractions to be introduced later on in the term.</p> <p>Each week, I will announce a prime focus of multiplication questions for children whether one week might be 5 time tables and the next week to 6s. This is to encourage that the children are practicing in time for their Multiplication Timetables Check which will commence in June.</p> <p>'Practice makes perfect!'– Whether that is either at home or at school.</p>
	RE	<p>Through this term in RE, Class 4 will be focusing their attention on two different topics. To start the new term, we will be using the Come and See programme and looking at the topic Community. This topic of knowledge of a local Christian and their community and ministries of the parish. The second topic that we will be looking at the holy text of the Qur'an of Islam.</p>
	Science	<p>This term for science, we will be looking at living things and their habitats.</p>
	History	<p>Not a lead subject this term.</p>
	Geography	<p>In Geography for the start of spring term, the children will be looking at the different types of rainforests and how they are structured in a jungle.</p>
	Art	<p>For Art this half-term, Class 4 will be looking at different portraits of different artists from Picasso and Salvador Dali. We will be looking at how the different shapes in their portraits convey an image and the different feelings that they can produce. The children will eventually create their own portraits using similar shapes they have learnt from these artists.</p>
	Design Technology	<p>Not a lead subject this term.</p>
	RSHE	<p>Within this unit of RSHE, the children will be discussing about the topic of puberty and the changes that our bodies go through when we grow older.</p>

	PE	<p>During PE this term our focus will be hockey. Throughout PE, I will be teaching the children different skills around hockey making passes and shooting using hockey equipment.</p> <p>The other topic of focus of PE will be gymnastics which will be taken by Mr Selley on Thursday afternoons. PE will continue to stay on Wednesday and Thursday for Class 4 pupils so please ensure your child brings their PE kit on these specific days.</p>															
	Music	Not a lead subject this term.															
	MFL (Y3+)	<p>In Spanish this term, we will be learning and thinking about Goldilocks or Tudors. This subject will be taught by Mrs O’Sullivan on Thursday afternoons.</p>															
	Computing	<p>In computing, the children will be thinking and learning about computational thinking with how we can imply that thinking into our learning when using computers in school and at home.</p>															
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	Teacher contact:	<p><i>Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30am - 3.15pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office office@olsp.uk during the school day.</i></p> <p><i>There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to email received after 6pm or at the weekend.</i></p>															