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Field View  
Primary School

## Spelling / Handwriting

Each term your child will be sent home with a spelling and handwriting booklet to complete. The booklet will contain a list of spellings which children need to learn how to read and write in preparation for their weekly spelling test. It also contains a handwriting practise sheet to help children improve their handwriting and presentation of work in class. At the beginning of the year, your child will be given a list of words they should know by the end of the year which you can practise with your child on a regular basis.

## Maths

Every Friday your child will be given a piece of maths homework to complete at home. This will be something that they have already covered in school. The homework needs to be completed for the following Monday.

## Don't forget...

Your child will be heard read every week in school and this will supplement reading activities in lessons. We would appreciate it, therefore, if you could ensure your child brings their reading book and record into school every day.

Miss Barrow's class have PE every Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Gama's class have PE every Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit on these days.

# Year 4 Curriculum Leaflet

## Spring 1

In this leaflet you will find out about what your child will be learning during this half term and how you can help them at home.

It gives you information about what is going to be taught in all areas of the curriculum in school and suggests some ways in which you can get involved and help out at home.

We see this as a great opportunity for you to share in your child's education.

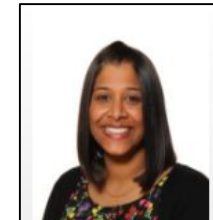
On the back page you will find further information regarding homework and what to expect each week.

Thank you for your support!

Year 4 Staff



Miss Barrow



Mrs Gama

What sort of man would order the beheading of his wife? Was she really that bad? Travel back in time to the 1500s and meet the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed our history. Discover an opulent court where dancing and singing goes hand in hand with swift falls from favour – and even swifter falling of heads!



## Our Topic

This half term our topic is all about The Tudors. The children will be developing skills in all areas of the curriculum through this topic. From The War of the Roses to the notorious Henry VIII, they will be finding out about significant people from the period, including the Kings and Queens that make The Tudors such a fascinating topic! What was Henry VIII really like? Why did he change the course of English history? What was life like for the men and women of the court and was it really as dangerous a time to live as history tell us?

We'd love for you to get involved and help your child get a better understanding of the topic!

## Maths

This term children will be continuing to calculate maths stories for all four operations with fractions and there will be a big focus on negative numbers and decimals. We will also be solving one and two step word problems involving decimals and we will be looking at finding fractions of amounts.

Without a doubt, the single most important part of maths you can help your child with is in learning their times tables. This will give them a good understanding of basic maths problems which they can then apply to a whole range of other, higher level skills. Year 4 need to learn their tables up to  $12 \times 12$  and the related division facts.

e.g.  $5 \times 6 = 30$ ,  $6 \times 5 = 30$ ,  $30 \div 5 = 6$  and  $30 \div 6 = 5$

## English

Our reading focus this term is to begin to infer and deduce information from the text using context and past experiences. You can help at home by listening to your child read regularly. Children will be given the opportunity to change their home reading books on a weekly basis and will be encouraged to read for pleasure both in and outside of class.

You can support your child's understanding by asking questions about the text and encouraging them to use it to explain how they reach their answer.

In particular, you can help your child by asking **what they think** about events in a text. Ask them **why** they think that and **what evidence** they can use from the text to support their ideas.

In order to improve children's writing we will continue to use fronted adverbials and prepositional phrases. We will also be looking at how to write using a wider range of conjunctions and will be improving our use of apostrophes for possession.

## Reading

Your child will bring home a reading book to read to you. These books are chosen carefully based on assessments to help your child make the best progress with their reading. We would appreciate it if you could listen to your child read regularly and record brief comments in their reading record to let the teacher know how your child is getting on.

Your child will also be bringing home a library book to share with you. These books are chosen by the children and so may sometimes be quite difficult or seemingly easy for them to read. These books are for you to enjoy with your child rather than expect them to be able to read them to you.

## PSHE and RE

Our PSHE topic is Dealing with Feelings and how we can manage them in different situations. Within RE we will be looking at why Jesus is important to Christians.

## Science

Our topic for science this half term is materials and their properties.

We will be investigating properties within materials and their reaction to different tests and conditions, as well as exploring how some changes can be reversed whereas others cannot be reversed and create new materials.

