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Field View
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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.

PE

Year 4 PE lessons are on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure the children have their PE kit in school.

Year 4 Curriculum Leaflet Summer 2

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

China

The Great Wall of China is the only man made structure that can be seen from outer space! How amazing must the people be who built such a thing? Find out this and more as we delve deep into the past of one of the biggest countries on Earth, uncovering a rich and advanced civilisation from the past that continues to astound us with their inventions and technology today.



Our Topic

The children are going on a learning journey to China, investigating the country, people and its culture, both in the present day and in the past

As part of their studies, they will learn about the Shang Dynasty of ancient China and place it on a timeline. They will explore what a dynasty is and where the Shang Dynasty were in power, before looking at the differences between what the history books written circa 200 B.C. say about the Shang Dynasty and the more recent archaeological evidence.



RE/ PSHE

In RE, the children will be learning all about the different religions that are represented in our neighbourhood. We will compare the different places of worship and explore their values.

In PSHE we will be looking at Drug Education. Throughout this topic, we will be informing children about the dangers of volatile substances and developing coping strategies.

Maths

We are covering many different aspects of maths this term in particular:

Arithmetic: Grid division and ratio.

Geometry: Identifying lines of symmetry

Data and Measure: Analysing and interpreting data

To help your child at home you can encourage them to know and learn their timetables in and out of order. It would help if you could encourage your child to read time to the nearest 5 minutes, throughout the day.

Every Friday your child will bring home a maths homework sheet, which will help develop different areas in maths and their reasoning skills. Please help your child to complete this for the following Thursday.

Science

In science, we will be studying Living things and their Habitats. This is a fascinating topic, where we can put our school grounds to good use as we explore the habitats of a range of animals and plants, recognising that environments can change and that this can pose dangers to living things.

English

Our class book this half term will be Philip Pullman's *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*, a novel about the adventures of a little girl who is desperate to follow in her father's footsteps in a time where girls were not allowed to follow their dreams. This is a lovely book that links to our China topic.

Children will be investigating language associated with fireworks and using this to create poems. They will also be investigating characters in narrative writing so that they can create their own detailed character descriptions using show not tell sentences.

Children will also be continuing to practise handwriting and spelling words from the Year 4 word list. You could help at home by practising handwriting with children and choosing some of the spellings from the Year 4 word list to practise.

Reading

Your child will bring home a carefully selected reading book based on their assessments. Children should be able to decode the words accurately and sound out any words they are unfamiliar with, enabling them to read like a story teller. We would appreciate you asking children to make predictions about the text and link to their own experiences where appropriate. Please write your child's progress into their home reading diary as this is vital to us. Please take advantage of the library book your child has chosen and enjoy story time together. These books are for you to enjoy with your child rather than expect them to be able to read them to you. You could use this opportunity to ask your child questions about the text.