

# Curriculum Newsletter for Year 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back Year 4! We have a very exciting time ahead of us. In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements for the Spring Term.

Class	Year 4 – Rhinos and Elephants	
Class Teacher	Miss Tyler Mrs Chessum (Mon-Wed) Mrs Edwards(Wed –Fri)	
Other teachers teaching the class	Mr. Trick (Wednesday AM) (Rhinos) Mrs Lacey (Wednesday AM) (Elephants) In case of sickness or absence it may be another member of staff.	
Support staff working in the classroom	Rhinos: Mrs. Matthews Elephants: Mrs Booth-Downs Mrs Williams	
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday. Mathletics website home learning is set to help children practise and reinforce maths skills taught in school that week. Please also continue with daily reading at home. Spellings are set weekly on Thursdays. Please practise these at home! Home learning must be handed in by a Tuesday at the latest so it can be marked ready to go home on Thursday.	
Reading books	Children can change their reading books every day if they wish, as long as they have read the book at home. Please try and hear your child read for around 20 minutes each day. Please remember to sign the reading record when you have read with your child, indicating the page number reached. Again, any brief comments about how your child read the book or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment.	
PE kits	Our PE days are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please ensure <b>named</b> PE kits are in school every day. All jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.	
Planned trips this term:	Changing states of water, explored through food – Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February Trip to Surrey Wildlife Trust – Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	
Theme work	Spring 1	Spring 2
	<i>H2O</i>	<i>Home is where the heart is</i>

We have outlined below an overview of our learning this term, which will help you to support your child at home. If you have any questions about these topics, please come and talk to us.

### **Literacy**

This term, we will be looking at persuasive texts and poetry. The children will be working towards writing a persuasive argument. Our Guided reading groups continue to develop the children's comprehension and thinking skills, with an emphasis on inferential questions.

### **Maths**

In Maths, we will begin by focusing on number and place value. We will then be moving on to look at fractions and decimals. Later on in the term, we will be learning methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and solving problems involving these calculations. We will also learn to recognise properties of shapes and learn about measurement, including telling the time.

### **RE**

As a school we will be learning through our collective worship sessions and in class about the Christian value of hope. In R.E, our learning focuses on Christianity; the work and life of St.Paul and the Cross.

### **PE**

Our PE and Games focus will be Net and Wall games. In gymnastics we will use various skills to enable creativity and "branching out activities" to relate and apply gymnastic skills to the wider sporting world.

### **ICT/ Computing**

Computer skills will be used across the curriculum. The children will have the opportunity to design and create using Publisher, PowerPoint, and Word documents to demonstrate writing for different audiences - editing and creating effective documents using colour, font size and style, borders and inserting pictures. They will also be focusing on how to code computer programmes.

### **Theme**

Our theme this half term is H<sub>2</sub>O. The children will learn about the uses of water, where water is in abundance and where there are water shortages. We will look at ways of saving water and ways of recycling it. The children will research famous rivers such as the Nile, the Thames and the Amazon. We are hosting a cookery day where children will investigate how water changes state.

Much of the artwork created this term will link across the curriculum in line with our theme and the children will look at a range of artists, such as David Hockney and Claude Monet, and will develop their skills in painting, drawing, observation, and printing.

It is another busy and exciting term which we are sure your children will enjoy. After half term, we will be starting our new theme called 'Home is where the heart is'.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Edwards, Mrs Chessum and Miss Tyler

