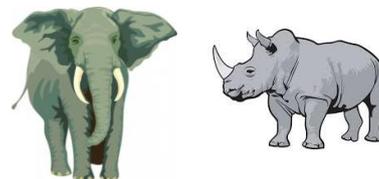


# Curriculum Newsletter for Year 4



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 Summer Term.

Class	Year 4 – Rhino and Elephant	
Class Teachers	Miss Curl Mr. O'Shea	
Other teachers teaching the class	Miss Barr- Rhino (Monday PM) Supply – Rhino (Friday PM) Miss Barr- Elephant (Friday PM) Miss Barr may also cover periodically for pupil feedback and subject leadership time in both classes.	
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs. Singh (Elephants) Mrs. Williams (Rhinos)	
Home learning	All home-learning will be sent home on a Thursday. Mathletics 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 the following week. A new addition to our home-learning is Times-Tables Rockstar which is a fun and effective way of increasing times table fluency.	
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 at least 10 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 Wednesday and Thursday. 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. Please note PE does take place outside, so appropriate clothing is needed, particularly shorts, this time of year.	
Theme work	Summer 1	Summer 2
	<i>Walk like and Egyptian</i>	<i>Samba to Brazil</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 a range of texts, from information texts to stories with a theme and poetry. The children will develop their writing style, content and stamina through numerous opportunities for extended writing. This is an excellent opportunity for children to express their creativity. 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 decimals and fractions. We will then be applying this in a more 'real' way when we look at money. This will involve arithmetic and word problems using money. Following this we will recap time for a final time this year. Later on in the term, we will be moving on to looking at statistics. This will include how to read and interpret graphs. Finally our focus will be on geometry. We will develop our knowledge of the properties of shapes and measurement, including perimeter and area.

### **RE**

For the first half term our big question in RE will be "What does it mean to be a Buddhist?" In this unit we will learn about the Buddhist teachings of the eight-fold path and the four noble truths. The children will learn about Sangha (Buddhist community) and Dharma (ultimate truths.) In the second half term, our big question will be "Why is liturgy important to Christians?" The children will learn about the main ingredients of Christian liturgy and worship.

### **PE**

Our PE Games focus will be on football and athletics. We will be developing our track and field skills in preparation for sports day and district sports, as well as developing football skills from the ground up, focusing on doing the basics well with an overarching emphasis on teamwork, compassion and sportsmanship.

### **ICT/ Computing**

Computer skills will be used across the curriculum. The children will have the opportunity to design and create using Publisher, Power Point, 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 Walk like an Egyptian. The children will learn about where the Ancient Egyptians lived, what their lives were like, the gods that they believed in as well as the legacy they have left. They will research the river Nile and explore the impact it had on the Egyptians. After half term, we will be starting our new theme called 'Samba to Brazil.' In this theme we will explore the rich culture and history of Brazil.

It is another busy and exciting term which we are sure your children will enjoy. Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss Curl and Mr. O'Shea

