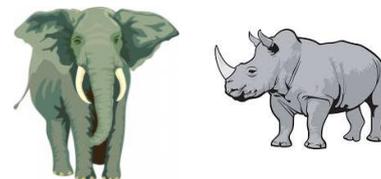


# Curriculum Newsletter for Year 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very exciting term 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 – Rhino and Elephant	
Class Teacher	Miss Curl Mr O'Shea	
Other teachers teaching the class	Miss Barr - Rhino (Monday and Friday PM) In case of sickness or absence it may be another member of staff.	
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Williams Mrs Singh	
Home learning	All home-learning will be sent home on a Thursday. Mathletics web site 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 and practising weekly spellings. Home learning must be handed in by Tuesday at the latest so it can be marked ready to go home the following week.	
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. Children can wear navy or black tracksuits.	
Planned trips this term:	The Living Rainforest- Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	
Assemblies:	Elephant Class Assembly: Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 Rhinos Class Assembly: Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	
Theme work	Spring 1	Spring 2
	H20	Rocking Rainforests and other habitats.

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**

In the first half of the term we will be looking at 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.' Followed by looking at persuasive texts and writing our own persuasive argument. After half term we will be writing and performing our plays and learning about explanation texts. 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 looking 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**

In R.E, our learning focuses on Buddhism. We will learn about who Siddhartha was and the circumstances that led to him becoming Buddha and achieving enlightenment. We will also be introduced to the Buddhists virtues and beliefs using stories that Buddha told.

## **PE**

In PE we will be focussing on team sports. There will be a focussed progression of skills from looking at each individual component (passing, shooting etc.) to bringing it together in team situations. Aside from the specific skills learned there will be an overarching emphasis on teamwork, co-operation and positive competition. This may take place indoors or outdoors, depending on conditions.

## **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 for the first half term is H2O. 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 water. The children will research famous rivers such as the Nile, the Thames and the Amazon.

After half term, we will be starting our new theme called 'Rocking Rainforests and other habitats'. We will be learning all about what lives in the rainforests and locating them all over the world. We will look at deforestation and what we can do to raise awareness of deforestation.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss Curl and Mr O'Shea

