



Year 4 Topic Letter

Spring 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the Spring term! We hope this letter will provide you with a taster of what's in store for the term ahead.

This first half-term's theme is 'Space'. This will include a variety of Science investigations focusing on sound. Also, for our design and technology projects we will be developing a range of skills through designing and making a moon buggy and rocket. The literacy work will also be linked to this topic through the fictional text 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram and a range of non-fiction writing.

During the second half term our topic will be 'A Study of Worcester'. We will be identifying human and physical features, looking at land use and changes over time. As part of our science topic, we will be exploring and investigating a range of habitats within the local area. The children will be using this knowledge in their literacy story writing and basing their art work around landscapes and taking their inspiration from local artists.

Each term the children will cover a range of maths topics, children focus on understanding place value, the relationship between addition/subtraction, multiplication and division, shape and space, and handling data. Telling the time and knowing and applying their tables facts will also be covered.

Homework -

- Children are expected to be reading regularly at home. Selected children will be bringing specific books home tailored to their needs but most will be having free choice of book.
- Talk homework will be coming home weekly. One week it will be Numeracy based and is meant to involve the children talking about their learning/playing a game with an adult and is not intended to be an independent task. The task will be based on their recent learning in Numeracy. The following week the talk homework is for the children to discuss a forthcoming writing task - a written outcome is not required. Literacy/Numeracy Talk Homework will then alternate each week.
- Each half term children will be given a home learning task that will involve some choice but will be linked to the themes being taught at school, the task will be due in on a given date.
- Times tables and other mental maths skills need to be practised as often as possible. This will really help your child's learning and ability to apply these in the Numeracy sessions.

PE

4H- Swimming on Monday, indoor PE on Thursday

4C- Outdoor PE on Tuesday, indoor PE on Thursday

4HN- Outdoor PE on Monday. indoor PE on Wednesday

We look forward to a happy and successful term and thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you at our Parents Evenings in February.

Many thanks

Year 4 Team

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Mrs Herbert

Miss Hulse

Mrs Jackson