

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust everyone had a restful half term and is ready for another busy half term as we countdown to the Easter holidays. We are already over halfway through the school year and I am looking forward to the upcoming teaching and learning.



## Literacy

As authors, we will be exploring two very exciting texts. First up is 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs.' The children will listen and learn about an exciting and well-known traditional tale, but with a twist! We will then write and create our own newspaper articles based on what we have learnt.

Spellings and homework will be given out weekly on a Monday. Homework is due in the following Monday. The expectation is 15 minutes of homework each evening, this is a very small amount and it will increase as the children move up to Year 5.



## Mathematics

This half term we will start by focusing on Decimals, time and Money. This will continue to include the CPA approach, new mathematical language, and a focus on problem solving. We are very fortunate to have a second teacher in Year 4. Mrs Cresswell has started some mastery focused interventions this half term. We are both looking forward to seeing the progress the children will make.

All the way through our maths learning we will be applying our learning to solving real life problems. Any time you can practise real life mathematical problems this can be helpful to discuss in the classroom, for example using money at the shops and telling the time using analogue and digital.

## Science

As scientists, we will be exploring how the digestive system works. This will include how food travels through our digestive system, specific scientific language, animals digestive systems and how to look after our teeth. If you would like to support this topic with some home learning, please check the BBC BITESIZE website and head to the KS2 science section.

## Design and Technology

This half term, DT is going to be a very exciting topic. As you already know, the children are participating in the Caring Cooks program. Each week they will create exciting, tasty and nutritious meals. I cannot guarantee any of the food will make it home, as the children may eat it during the lesson!

## History

As Historians, we will focus on crimes and punishments throughout history. In a few weeks' time, it is careers week. I have invited in some guests to speak to the class about modern day crime and punishment and how it affects their job role. I am looking to speak to a police officer or prison officer, however I am not having much luck. If you know anyone who would be free to come and speak to Year 4 about their role, please pass them my email [r.boyle@samares.sch.je](mailto:r.boyle@samares.sch.je).

## PSHE / RE

In R.E our focus topic is the religion of Buddhism. Every Monday, the children will have R.E delivered by Mr Sanson, who will use his ICT expertise to create cross-curricular fun and exciting lessons. We will also continue with our Jigsaw learning in PSHE. With this term's focus being, Healthy Me.

## French

French this half term is very exciting. We have an expert French teacher, Rachel Surcoff in our class delivering the lessons. The children are thoroughly enjoying the games and precise teaching from a fluent French speaker.

## PE

Our PE days for Year 4 are Thursday and Friday, children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days. This half term, we will work on improving our fitness skills through physical literacy and swimming. This is our final half term of swimming.

## Music

Mrs Lawrence will continue to inspire us with her weekly music lessons, our songs will be inspired by Christmas around the world.

## Computing

Mr Sanson will continue to inspire Year 4 with his vast knowledge of computers and ICT. We will continue to work on the laptops and iPad's. The children have recently taken home QR codes for our new program J2E. The children can practice their fluency skills. Please encourage them to log in weekly.

## General Information

I hope this gives you an insight into what life and learning in Year 4 will be like. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

After Easter, we will go on our annual trip to Crabbe. This includes an overnight stay. I will send out all the letters and information in the next few weeks.

Kind Regards,

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