

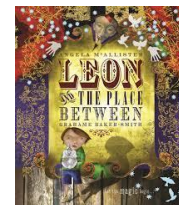
Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust everyone had a restful half term and is ready for another busy half term as we countdown to Christmas.



Literacy and reading

As authors, we will be exploring two very exciting texts. Firstly, the light house keepers' lunch, where we will write letters of complaint to the environment health department to complain about Mr Grinling's seagull problem. As well as Leon and the place between, where we will dive into a world of magic and create our own portal stories. I know that both texts will excite and inspire some fantastic writing and also help the class to develop their oracy skills.



Our new class text, that we will read in our guided reading sessions is Varjak Paw by SF Said. The text is full of rich vocabulary and will help us to improve our prediction skills.

It is important to continue to develop our reading skills and love of reading, it is important to **read at home** regularly. Research shows that 15 minutes reading per day can equate to reading one million words per year. The children have the choice to select books from our class library, which we have just updated with some new books.

Spellings and homework will be given out weekly on a Monday.

Mathematics

This half term we will start by focusing on multiplication and division. This will include using the CPA approach, new mathematical language, and a focus on fluency. Please look out for some new tasks to be completed at home to complement our learning in class. If you have any questions about maths and how to help at home, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Fluency through times tables can also be developed using our program Times Tables Rock Stars. Please look out for our weekly battles online and email me if you have any questions.

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. This term we'll be focusing our 6-, 10- and 11-times tables.

Science

As scientists, we will be continuing with our previous topic of Solids, Liquids and Gases, as there is a vast amount of learning for this topic, until Christmas. The children will have many opportunities to explore hypotheses, develop planning and experiments and explore how the water cycle works.

Geography

As Geographers, we will look at the world, the north and south poles, how the earth's rotation affects day and night, how the world is split into hemispheres and finally focusing on our home, Jersey. Locally we will look at where we are on the map, our time zone and compare our climate to other places in the world.



PSHE / RE

In the lead up to Christmas our main focus is Christianity and how Christians celebrate Christmas. We will look at special places, the main beliefs of Christians and what other special festivals take place in the Christian calendar. In PSHE, we will continue with our Jigsaw learning. Our overview is entitled 'Celebrating differences'. as a class our school rule focuses this half term is 'Be Respectful'.

French

During our French lessons, our focus is to build on the vocabulary we have learnt in the previous half term. Mrs Creswell will work with the class to develop writing and speaking in full sentences, as well as learning to reply to questions.

PE

Our PE days for Year 4 are Wednesday and Thursday, children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days. This half term, we will work on improving our balance and coordination skills through gymnastics.

Year 4 will continue to have 1 physical literacy lesson each week with Mr Cox. This will continue to take place on a Thursday afternoon. Please do provide full tracksuits for P.E in case we are ever outside.

In the Spring term, Year 4 will swim once a week. The children will all need a swim hat, full piece swim suit (for girls), shorts/trunks for boys and goggles are optional.

Music

Mrs Lawrence will continue to inspire us with her weekly music lessons, our songs will be inspired by Christmas around the world. We look forward to inviting you into school for our Christmas performance on 12.12.23, more details to follow.

Computing

In ICT WE will continue to improve our knowledge and skills on the laptops and IPADS. Our focus is to practice and learn typing skills and creating PowerPoints.

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. I will be by the gate at the end of each school day, but you can also email me to arrange a time to meet. I do also look forward to welcoming you into school for parents evening this half term.

Kind Regards,

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