

Dear Year 4 Parents, Carers and Class,

We are very excited for a new school year, our first topic in Year 4 is:

'Fantasy Realms'

We will be finding out all about exciting fantasy adventures and mysterious worlds. Our class book will be 'The Firework Makers Daughter' by Philip Pullman, and we will be enjoying other books alongside this one.

The homework will be set in the format of a bingo card so the children can continue to choose their task on a weekly basis. Homework should be brought in on a Monday, and books will be returned quickly, any videos or online work can be emailed to the school admin email address to be forwarded to the class teacher.

Times tables are very important this year so children should practise as often as possible and continue to play TT Rockstars, or hit the button, to improve fluency and speed.

For English homework, the children should continue to practise spellings for the weekly test on a Friday. Children should continue to read at least 3 times a week with an adult and be encouraged to show their comprehension by being able to answer questions relating to the text.

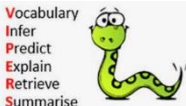
The adults in the classroom will be Mrs Goodger, Mrs Flaherty and Mrs Slade will be teaching the class when Miss Fairclough is having planning time.

Below I will briefly outline what will be covered in the different subjects over the course of the term.

If you have any questions for the year ahead then do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to a fun year of learning!

Miss Fairclough and the year 4 team.



Main activities and outcomes	How can you help at home?
English: In English we will be writing a range of texts surrounding our topic. The children will be finding out all about Myths and Legends, as well as writing a narrative, a diary and having a go at narrative poetry.	English – Keep reading as much as possible and ask your child questions about the book. Make sure they discuss words that they don't understand. Talk about the reasons for characters actions and feelings and ask them to make predictions about what might happen next.
Reading: We will be reading a wide range of texts based on our topic. The children will look at fiction and non-fiction-based books. - Read a wide range of texts - Understand what they're reading - Use dictionaries to check the meaning of words - Predict what might happen next in the text - Ask questions about a text to improve our understanding When exploring reading we will be working with the VIPERs process to help your child develop the skills they need when reading. 	It is useful for the children to read a wide range of book genres such as explanation texts, poems and spooky stories. Please encourage your child to try genres that they haven't read before. It is great if the children have access to a paper dictionary and/or thesaurus at home so that they can practice using them. www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize Topmarks: teaching resources, interactive resources, worksheets, homework, exam and revision help (https://www.topmarks.co.uk/)
Maths: We start the year in Maths on Place Value including counting through zero to include negative numbers. We will also be practicing skills linked with the 4 operations, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. We will also be doing lots of times table practice so that we are able to retrieve our answers at lightning speed!	At home the children could look at: Year 4 Year 4 Maths - BBC Bitesize (https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zxv6g2p) Children should also spend time using Timestable Rockstars to improve their timestables. Times Tables Rock Stars (trockstars.com) Topmarks: teaching resources, interactive resources, worksheets, homework, exam and revision help (https://www.topmarks.co.uk/)
Science: We will be starting the Autumn term finding out all about electricity including creating our own circuits. After the half term we will be investigating sound, where we will find out about vibrations that make sound and how our ear helps us hear sound.	At home the children could look at: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize TheSchoolRun Primary school explained Advice, information, support (https://www.theschoolrun.com/)
History: We have an exciting term of History, looking at Crime and Punishment throughout history and how this has changed over time.	Useful websites to support learning: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize DK Learning: Make every lesson your best yet (https://learning.dk.com/uk) History for Kids(https://historyforkids.org/)
Geography: We will be finding out all about tropical rainforests, identifying human and physical features and discussing sustainability.	Useful websites: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize National Geographic Kids (natgeokids.com)
ICT: Our ICT is going to be linked with a range of foundation subjects. We will remind ourselves of how to stay safe online and that what we post on the internet might be shared, copied or stored by others. We will remind ourselves how we can report anything worrying that we see online.	At home the children could be reminded about E-safety and the importance about being safe online. Homepage - UK Safer Internet Centre (https://saferinternet.org.uk/) E-safety is highly important in the modern world and any advice that the children receive is of

	great use and will help keep them safe online.
DT: For DT this term we are going to explore techniques to research, design and create our own torches, our electricity topic in our science lessons.	At home the children could research different torches and consider how they might start to design a new one.
Art: In Art we are going to be describing some of the key ideas, techniques and working practices of artists, architects and designers who we have studied and create some different effects made famous by some key artists and designers.	At home the children could look at: - Drawing objects they can see around their house showing a still life. - Use different materials and media at home - Discussing their views on pieces of art.
PSHE: In PSHE we will be starting a new puzzle piece in our Jigsaw scheme called 'Being Me in My World' in Autumn 1, followed by Celebrating difference Autumn 2. We will be thinking about our own attitudes and actions as well as learning about our school and the different people and their roles. We will also be discussing democracy and linking it with School Council.	Useful websites to support learning: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
PE: In Autumn 1 our PE days will be Wednesday and Friday. We will be learning how to play Tag Rugby and Football. Sessions will be outside so please ensure all children have suitable clothing for the outdoor weather as well as suitable footwear. If your child has their ears pierced, they will need to be removed by the child. An adult will not be able to support the removal of earrings. Please ensure that all long hair is tied up on PE days.	Any sort of participation in sports clubs, either in or out of school, would be very useful for the children. Physical exercise is extremely important for our well-being and is beneficial for the children's development regardless of the form it takes. Useful Videos: Cosmic Kids Yoga Joe Wicks Kids Workout
French: In French we will be recapping the children's phonetic knowledge before moving onto learning about how to describe ourselves and our families.	Any opportunity to interact with the French language in any form would be useful for the children. Hearing French would be of particular use to hear the sounds in the language that are not native to English and can be difficult to imitate. https://www.french-games.net/ Topmarks: teaching resources, interactive resources, worksheets, homework, exam and revision help (https://www.topmarks.co.uk/) www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize