

# Curriculum Overview for Year 4 - Autumn Term 2017

Welcome back to a new school year! We trust that you had a fantastic summer holiday and we anticipate that the children will settle down quickly and enjoy their new classes and learning. These first few days and weeks will be a time for the children to bond together as a class and to renew old friendships. We're looking forward to a great year where the children will be able to extend their learning across a wide range of subjects where they are challenged, encouraged and motivated to reach their potential. We offer an 'open-door' policy and should you have any concerns or questions throughout the year, please feel free to speak to us after school. There will be the opportunity to learn and understand more about life in Year 4 at the class meeting on **Wednesday 20h 2.45pm September** where you will learn more about the expectations for the year.

## Literacy

**SPEAKING and LISTENING:** We will be engaging the children in a range of activities to help further their confidence through active listening, drama and role play, contributing in class teaching, individually, in pairs and in groups.

**READING:** There will be a variety of shared and guided reading activities to help further their comprehension, especially focussing on inference skills. This reading will include both fiction, non-fiction texts as well as poetry.

**WRITING:** We will be focussed on improving the children's range of sentence structures and knowledge of specific grammar objectives. This will be achieved through a range of activities, including using some set texts connected to our topic. The children will continue to have daily focussed spelling sessions where they will identify specific spelling patterns so that they are able to incorporate these into everyday use.



## Numeracy

**NUMBER:** Children will learn their times tables up to and including 12x12. We will be working with numbers up to and beyond 1000. The children will use the four operations to calculate within a variety of problems. Simple fractions, equivalent fractions and their decimal equivalents will also be studied.

**MEASURES:** Children will learn to estimate, measure and record with money, time, perimeter, area and volume.

**GEOMETRY:** We will be classifying and describing 3D and 2D shapes and identifying acute and obtuse angles.

**STATISTICS:** The children will interpret bar charts and pictograms, asking and answering a variety of questions.

We will be aiming to stretch and challenge the children in all lessons, helping them to become more confident. Monday field.

## Science

**Electricity:** The children will be learning about electricity and they will make and create circuits using bulbs, motors and buzzers.



**Animals including humans:** The children will learn about the human digestive system, and how animals and plants are part of food chains.



## Physical Education

**Outdoor PE: Monday**

**Indoor PE: Tuesday**

**Hockey:** We will be learning how to control the ball safely, passing and stopping skills and working as a small team to devise a skills based game.

**Dance:** We will be exploring and creating motifs in response to Ancient Egypt. The children will improvise and link together dance phrases.

## History & Geography

Our topic for this term focuses on Ancient Egypt: 'Temples, Tombs and Treasures'. We can't wait to explore Egypt together and learn all about this amazing ancient civilisation as we develop our History and Geography skills.



## Religious Education

**Giving Thanks:** We will be exploring Harvest, Thanksgiving and Sukkot, learning how Christians and Jews celebrate.

**Living like a Saint:** We will be looking at the lives of Christian saints and Sikh Gurus, exploring their qualities.



## Music

We will use a range of different music where the children will appraise and perform using voice, tuned and untuned percussion. We will explore dynamics, pitch pulse and form.



## Art

The children will use a variety of different art materials and skills through exploring how Ancient Egyptian artists used forms, materials and processes to decorate their tombs, buildings and belongings.



## French

The children will be revising basic greetings and will learn how to give basic information about themselves, along with learning how to discuss birthdays and other occasions we celebrate.



## Personal Social and Health Education

### **New Beginnings**

We will be discussing what makes a community, thinking about rights and responsibilities and investigating reasons for rules and laws within society.

## Information Technology

The children will be developing their knowledge of word processing skills as well as being able to 'surf' the internet for relevant information. The children will also explore how folders are set and how information is stored in the middle of the computer. We will also be using Scratch to develop simple games.



We are looking forward to our learning adventure in Year 4!

Miss Lampard & Mr Jacobs



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