



Year 4 Autumn Term 2017

'Express Yourself'

English

In year 4 we expect your child to be writing at least a page of A4 in a lesson, using joined handwriting and using a variety of sentence structures. This year, we will be teaching the children a new cursive handwriting scheme. We will be writing our own poetry, myths, instructions and reports. We will be completing Big Write sessions fortnightly, which will be photocopied and displayed in the classroom. There will be a weekly spelling quiz which will assess how securely the children have retained different spelling rules that we have been working on in class. Spelling quizzes will be held on a **Wednesday** with new spellings going home to practise on this day each week. Reading comprehension sessions will happen daily with your child.

Maths

By the end of year 4 it is the national expectation in mathematics that the children will know all of their times tables fluently up to 12x12. We will regularly be sending home Big Maths practice sheets to help with this, but please practise with them when you can. The children will complete a weekly timed 'Big Maths' test on a **Monday** to assess their improving times table knowledge. Topics covered in maths will include: formal calculations using all four operations, place value and rounding, factors / multiples, word problems and problem solving.

Home Learning

Thankyou for your on-going support at home. Please continue to listen to your child read, and carry out maths activities with them **at least four times per week**, along with practising spellings for our weekly test on Wednesdays. Home learning will be set online this half term using '2do' within Purple Mash, login details for which are stuck inside their reading journal. Big Maths mental maths 'learn it' sheets, will also be sent home regularly to work on at home.



P.E.

P.E. will be on a Monday and a Wednesday this term. Please ensure that your child has a named kit in school as well as outdoor shoes **every day**. There may be times when PE days need to be changed or extra PE and outdoor activities are planned.



Topic

We have developed this term's topic curriculum in collaboration with the children, ensuring that it links to our whole school 'Express Yourself' topic. We will be learning about....

...how different artists express themselves in different ways.



...how people express their faith and beliefs in different ways.



...how people in history have expressed their beliefs and feelings.



RE

We will be learning about Jewish celebrations as well as Christian celebrations. We will be looking at how people with different faiths express their beliefs in different ways.

Computing

Online-safety will be an on-going focus, ensuring that the children know about online dangers and know how to stay safe. The children will be developing their coding skills as well as using a search engine to research and completing home learning '2dos' using Purple Mash.

Trips

This term we are hoping to take part in a construction and architecture workshop at the (UTCN) University Technology College Norfolk.

Spanish

The children will continue learning Spanish this year. Revising basic greetings, where we live, numbers 1-20, expressing preferences and joining in with Spanish songs.



Music

We will be continuing to have weekly guitar lessons with Mr. Hodson on Tuesdays, where we will learn to play along with songs. Some of our topic work will be linked with music as well!

