



Year 4 Summer Term 2019

'A Drop in the Ocean'

English

In year 4 we expect most children to be writing at least a page of A4 in a lesson, using joined cursive handwriting and a variety of sentence structures. We will be studying poetry again this term and thinking about environmental issues, writing reports and explanation texts relating to the wider world. We will also study the epic journey of Shackleton, incorporating drama into our sessions. We will be completing Big Write sessions regularly, which will be photocopied and displayed in the classroom, please feel free to come and see them! There will be a weekly spelling test on a **Monday** which will assess how securely the children have retained different rules that we have been working on in class. Spellings will be sent home weekly to practise. Daily reading sessions with your child will take place. All children should attain at least a silver star in reading.

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. Please work on them regularly at home for 5 minutes a day. The children will complete a weekly timed 'Big Maths' test on a **Monday** also, to assess their improving times table knowledge. Topics covered in maths will include: Coordinates, symmetry, position and direction, measurement involving money/length/capacity, fraction / decimal equivalents, multiplication/division reasoning, negative numbers, statistics and geometry (2D/3D).

Home Learning

Thankyou for your on-going support at home. Please continue to listen to your child read, and carry out times table activities with them **at least four times per week**, along with practising spellings for our weekly test on Mondays. Home learning will continue to be a maths sheet every Thursday, linked to their maths learning in class from that week. Home learning must be handed in by the following **Thursday** every week.



P.E.

P.E. will be on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday** 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

Our topic work will reflect the focus of 'A Drop in the Ocean.' Science will feature heavily, looking at animals, including humans and our bodies, as well as sound and the water cycle. We are also linking our work on Shackleton with life in the Antarctic and environmental changes in geography. At the end of the summer term, our will focus towards South America and our study of Aztec life.



RE / PSHE

We will continue to look at how people with different faiths express their beliefs in different ways. Daily paths complement sessions will take place along with taught lessons from our PSHE / RSE programme.

Computing

We shall be using Purple Mash to create animations, to email and to work with data and bar-charts as well as research specific topic areas this term. After half term we will be designing and publishing our own websites.

Trips

This term we will be visiting the Norfolk Show, details to follow, as well as the residential trip to Whitwell!

Spanish

The children will continue learning Spanish this year. Revising colours, months, parts of the body and joining in with Spanish songs.

Music

We will be continuing to have whole class weekly ukulele or samba drumming lessons every **Monday**, taught by the fantastic teachers from Sistema. If your child is interested, think about signing up for 1 to 1 lessons.

