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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome back after the summer holidays! We have a great term ahead of us, with many exciting activities planned.

Literacy: We will be reading many books including Diary of the Killer Cat, as well as short stories and poetry which will be used to help us deliver the national curriculum effectively. In Year 4, we will be addressing all the curriculum areas with additional emphasis on the areas which are essential. This term we will be focusing on using cohesive paragraphs, writing an effective diary entry, building up descriptions of characters and working towards age expected punctuation.

Reading: Children should be reading on a regular basis as it remains important throughout Key Stage 2 and your support in reading will aid your child's development. It is important to discuss the book with your child and for your child to try and unpick what is happening, how the characters may feel and why and also why the author chose the style and vocabulary used. Children are expected to read at least 3 times a week, please sign and date your child's reading diary and write a comment if necessary. Reading diaries will be checked the following days: Wednesday and Friday. It is important, however, that your child brings their reading diary and reading book into school every day.

Numeracy: We will begin the term with place value, moving on to addition and subtraction and multiplication and division by the end of the term. By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know their times table facts up to 12x12, therefore practising at home is vital. Times tables are particularly important as they form a basis for much of the maths in Year 4, including the 9 weeks that will be used to further the children's knowledge of fractions and decimals. The homework given to the children should reflect the work that they do in school and be used as a consolidation.

Topic: This term we will start off by looking at the Romans and why they marched through County Durham, the children will understand why they came to England and how and why the Roman Empire grew so quickly. In geography this term, the children will be looking at Europe, where we are in Europe and the features of the continent. This term the children will be looking at electricity and sound in Science, where they will undertake lots of exciting, practical investigations.

PE: Children will have PE on a Monday and a Wednesday in the first half term, as well as Yoga sessions on a Tuesday. In the second half term, children will have PE on a Monday and a Thursday. The Wednesday and Thursday PE session will be delivered by a coach. I would ask that the children have a **P.E kit at school every day** as we often have additional lessons throughout the year.

Homework: On a Friday, children will receive their homework and it is expected to be handed in on Tuesday. It will usually consist of one literacy and numeracy piece but sometimes they may receive topic homework. Please encourage your child to complete their homework and return it in on time.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Many thanks

Miss Walton

