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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer Term 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

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

Literacy: This term we will be practicing our reading skills and reading books including 'Varjak Paw' and 'Beowulf' 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 age-related punctuation, writing for a purpose and improving our cursive handwriting.

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 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 on a Friday. It is important, however, that your child brings their reading diary and reading book into school **every day**.

Numeracy: This term children will be covering topics such as fractions, decimals, money, shape and time. By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of their times table facts, therefore practising at home is vital. A great way for the children to practice their times table skills is through the use of online games such as: Times Table Rockstar, Mathletics and Hit the Button. The homework given to the children should reflect the work that they do in school and be used as consolidation. The Multiplication Check for Year 4 will take place in the two weeks following May half term, therefore it is crucial that children are practising their times tables up to 12 x 12 including division facts.

Science: During the summer term, we will be studying 'Animals including Humans' which includes teeth, digestion and understanding a variety of food chains by identifying producers, predators and prey. Also, we will find out about Living Things and Habitats.

History: This term we will be looking at Britain's settlement by the Anglo Saxons and Scots following on from our work on the romans. We will be studying key questions such as 'Who was in charge in Anglo Saxon England?' and 'Who were the Anglo Saxons' enemies?'

Geography: During Summer 2, the children will be completing a Coastal Investigation based in Seaham. The key unit question is 'What happens when the Land meets the Sea?' This topic will include fieldwork when we visit Seaham Beach to complete our research.

PE: Children will have PE on a **Wednesday** in the first half term. I would ask that the children have a **P.E kit at school every day** as we often have additional lessons throughout the term. Year 4 are continuing to go swimming **each Monday** during this term.

Homework: On a Friday, children will receive their homework and it is expected to be handed in on Wednesday. It will usually consist of one literacy or numeracy piece. 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 Leckenby

