

Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High

Hello and welcome to our first term in Year Four,

We hope you enjoyed the Summer break and are well rested and ready to work hard! We have lots to learn this year and have been busy planning lots of exciting learning opportunities and lessons for you. There will be a huge focus upon handwriting, spelling and reading this half term; everybody must be joining their writing and reading at home regularly.

Enrichment

Details of enrichment will be announced shortly; we have some exciting activities and visits in the pipeline!

PE

PE will be on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. This term the P.E. focus will be on Gymnastics and we have a specialist PE teacher for one of our two sessions. You need to have a labelled PE kit in school at all times. It can be taken home to be washed half termly.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

Spellings will be given out on a Monday and will be tested on the following Monday. Learning Log Homework will be given out on a Friday and returned every Wednesday. Reading books need to be changed at least once a week. Don't forget to bring your signed Reading Journal and book in everyday, so that we can monitor and celebrate the reading you do at home.



Year 4 Learning Letter

Autumn 2016

Our first topic will focus on Time travelling, where we will go on a journey from The Stone Age to The Iron Age.

In **Science** this term, we will be focusing on Rocks and Soils and Light. We will be able to identify a variety of rocks and recognise how shadows are formed.

In **Art** we will learn about Prehistoric Art; looking at cave drawings and experimenting with mark making techniques using a variety of natural materials. In **DT** we will investigate the Caveman diet and make prehistoric puppets.



In **English** we will be entering the prehistoric world of Stone Age Boy and UG through our class texts. This term we will be focusing on fascinating vocabulary, ambitious connectives, dramatic openers and using a variety of interesting punctuation. We will be writing in the forms of narrative and stories from historical settings, reading and performing Winter poems and learning to use dictionaries. Through our thematic approach to learning there will be lots of exciting speaking and listening opportunities from role play to debates.

In **Maths** we will be embracing the new National Curriculum, looking at:

- Number Sense: place value, rounding, adding, subtracting, problem solving using mental and written methods of calculation.
- Additive Reasoning: the relationship between multiplication and division.
- Multiplicative Reasoning.
- Geometric Reasoning: exploring different triangles and quadrilaterals.

In **R.E** we will be learning about Christianity. During Autumn term one, we will look at Christian parables; understanding Jesus' teachings about God. We will then delve into the Christian and Jewish beliefs about the creation of the world.

In **Music** we will be learning about a timeless pop song from the 70's. We will not only listen and appraise Mamma Mia by ABBA but perform instrumental and vocal sections through improvisation.



In **P.E** we will be covering Gymnastics. We will also continue to work alongside a specialist PE teacher this term. This term we are looking forward to developing our competitive sportsmanship through whole school competitions.

Our **History and Geography** this term will be taught through a creative topic approach, where we will become Time Travellers. We will learn what life was like through the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age; looking at homes, diet, jobs and technology. We will also develop our enquiry skills and build upon our knowledge of maps and atlases.



In **French** we will explore the topic 'All about Me' where we will continue to develop our skills in conversational French and learn about French culture.

In **Computing** we will be looking at the importance of staying safe online, where we will discuss and advise each other of the dangers and what can be done to keep us safe. We will then start an exciting unit of work on coding; learning what an algorithm is and how to use these to create games and other exciting things.

