

St Philip's Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum Letter Summer 2013

Dear Parents,

Many apologies for the lateness of this term's letter - I can point to the lack internet and computer access in school but beyond that, I'm afraid the beginning of term simply ran away with me! Term is well underway now and the class are fully focused on some important assessments whilst looking beyond that to some of the good things that the summer term brings.

David Hirst

Curriculum Outline

In brief, here is what lies ahead this term - if there is anything you feel you could help with, please do get in touch.

Literacy -

This term we will be using class novels ('The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' and 'The Suitcase Kid') to focus on the development of inference skills when reading. When writing, a key focus for most of the children continues to be reliable and consistent use of punctuation to allow their written work to

be easily followed. Children will continue to write a wide range of text styles to develop their repertoires.

Maths

We follow a spiral curriculum and so each term will cover the key areas of calculation, measure, shape and data handling. As the children have now developed fairly solid number skills, this term will challenge them to read and analyse their own tasks more, choosing the correct strategies to tackle a given problem.

Science

Topics this term are 'Circuits and Conductors' and 'Solids and Liquids'.

ICT

With our brand new computers, the children should be well equipped to tackle computer based art using repeating patterns and some further programming using the Scratch package.

History / Geography -

History focuses on the

Tudors this term (with many thanks to Mrs Jellicoe for her expertise whilst I take Year 3 for their swimming lessons!). In geography, we will be comparing island in the Caribbean with the life we are more familiar with.

Art/DT

Through the term we will be looking portraits through the Tudors' topic and linking alarm circuits to our science studies.

RE

Our units this term will focus on the festivals within Judaism and the nature of different churches - hopefully with some visits to be arranged.

PHSCE

Topics are 'Changes' and 'Relationships'.

PE

Orienteering, rounders, athletics and hopefully some gymnastics are in the plan for this term.

Homework

As last term, homework for the week will be set on Mondays and will usually involve a list of spellings to learn, together with short activities for Maths and English. Some weeks this term however, all the separate elements of homework will be replaced by a single larger task or project - but nothing too onerous, I promise!