

St Philip's Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum Letter Autumn 2013

Hello!

Dear Parents,

Well they have made it to Year 4! Having had a few days to get to know the class, I am sure we have a great year ahead. As we start the year, I want to take the opportunity to say that I am always available to discuss any concerns that you have – please do just come and find me at the end of the day or phone the office anytime to request an appointment. I look forward to meeting you.

David Hirst

Curriculum Outline

Just so that you can get ahead in knowing the difficult questions you are likely to be asked! If there are areas we are studying that you feel you could help out with, please do get in touch.

Literacy -

We have begun the year writing poems as the children develop a greater range of descriptive language. Later in the term, we will move on the recounts and information texts as well as writing stories set in imaginary worlds. A major focus for most of the children is to make more reliable and consistent use of punctuation to allow their written work to be easily followed.

Maths

We follow a spiral curriculum and so each term will cover the key areas of calculation, measure,

shape and data handling. This term, our mental maths focus will be on learning of multiplication tables (and for some, pushing that further to quick recall of the related division facts).

Science

Key topics this term are 'Keeping Warm' and 'Moving and Growing'.

ICT

ICT this term is very much linked to our Literacy topics and we will be using digital photography and editing to create images of imaginary worlds. We will also consider the use of ICT to present information to different audiences when we produce news reports. Discussion of E-safety issues will be ongoing as the children use technology.

History / Geography -

We have a mainly geographical focus this term with children working to improve their mapping skills and thinking about the impact that climate and human activity might have on what happens in particular parts of the world.

Art/DT

As well as creating digital art linked to our Literacy work on

imaginary worlds, we will be asking the children to draw inspiration from different parts of the world to design and build mobiles and wind chimes.

RE

Our three units this term will explore David and the Psalms; people's ideas of God and the image of light as a way of thinking about Christmas. Rev Richard will be coming in this half term to work with the class on the second of these units.

PE

Until Christmas, swimming will be every Monday afternoon. Our other PE lesson on a Thursday afternoon will move from football before half term to gymnastic after.

Dates for the Diary

17th October – Parents' Evening
21st – 25th October – Half Term
11th October – Harvest Service in church
5th November – Year 4 – Play in a Day
11th December, 7pm – Junior Christmas Concert
19th December – End of Term

Homework

Homework for the week will be set on Mondays and will usually involve a list of spellings to learn and write sentences with and a maths activity to complete. Occasionally the sentence writing will be replaced by a topic related task or piece of research. Children need to plan their work over the week so that it can be handed in on Friday. Reading remains an important focus and any encouragement you can give your child to read regularly at home would be appreciated.