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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome back after the summer holidays! 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 many books including 'Diary of a 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 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**.

Maths: We will begin the term with place value, moving on to addition and subtraction, length and perimeter and multiplication and division by the end of the term. 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.

History: This term we will be looking at The Ancient Romans, where the children will develop their chronological understanding and their concept of change over time. They will complete a local history study into why the romans marched through Durham.

Geography: The children will begin the Autumn Term by studying Europe. The key unit question is 'What can we discover about Europe?' This will include places, features and people with a particular focus on land use, key human and physical features and locations. The children will also practise their map skills by navigating their way around Europe's capital cities.

PE: Children will have PE on a **Tuesday** 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 year. Year 4 are currently going to the **Pink Gym** every **Monday** afternoon, please can they come dressed in sports clothes ready for this.

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

