

Wiveliscombe Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

Y4

Term

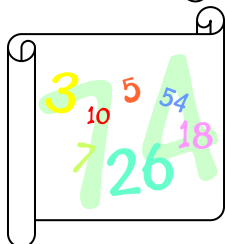
Autumn 2020

Dear Parents

This letter is designed to provide key information about learning this term.

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	In English we will be focusing on poetry with its use of simile and personification. The children will be comparing poems, writing their own examples and learning verses to perform. We will be studying the Gun Powder Plot with a focus on historical writing. We will explore a range of other text types including play scripts and recounts. The children will continue to consolidate their reading strategies and comprehension of a variety of texts and answer questions based upon them. We will also continue to consolidate previous learning and broaden the children's understanding and use of grammatical techniques and devices.
Mathematics	In Maths the children will be studying number and place value. We will be learning to add and subtract to 4 digits using formal written methods and to recall multiplication and division facts to 12x12 as well as use knowledge to multiply 2 and 3-digit numbers. This term, Maths will also include developing knowledge of fractions, measurement, properties of shape, position and direction and statistics. The children will work on developing their ability to solve number and practical problems using the basic skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
Science	The children will learn about different habitats around the world and in our local area. They will learn how to classify organisms and understand how animals have adapted to suit their environments. They will also learn about the human digestive system. As part of this topic they will look at food chains and ecosystems.
Computing	The children will learn to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognising acceptable/unacceptable behaviour and how to report concerns. We will be developing knowledge and skills using a range of programmes as well as the internet.
Geography	In the second half term, we will be studying Volcanoes and Earthquakes. The children will learn how mountains and volcanoes are formed, the local environment and climate in the surrounding area. They will also understand how and why earthquakes occur.
History	We will study the Tudors this term. We will be focusing on the differences between rich and poor: education, housing, daily life and food.
RE	Throughout this term we will be looking at Hinduism focussing on the key beliefs—Dharma, Deity and Atman. We will look at stories within Hinduism as well as worship and other important practices.
Music	This term the children will be learning about the correct way to sing, understanding the use of pitch and performing pieces as a group and individually. The children will also identify different instruments and how to create sound from them.
D & T + Art	Our DT topic this term is Journeys. The children will be creating dream pictures using Aboriginal styles and techniques. There will also be a focus on sketching skills and techniques. In Art this term the children will be creating their own story books with moving parts based on a Christmas story.
PE	The children will be increasing their skills and techniques using a variety of equipment in gymnastics, performing individually and in group pieces. They will further develop their confidence, skills and ability in a range of invasion games.
French	The children will be acquiring a proficiency in day-to-day French words and phrases. They will be using role-play to enhance their conversation skills, singing songs and using a variety of interactive activities.
PSHCE	The children will learn about new beginnings and getting on and falling out this term. They will learn to recognise different emotions in others and look at different ways to respond to them.

Homework

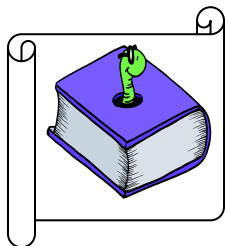


MATHS

One piece of Maths homework will go home on a Friday reinforcing the work done in school during the week. It needs to be returned on a Wednesday

To begin with, times table sheets will go home weekly with the answers uploaded to Google Classroom. Please mark and submit their scores through Google Classroom.

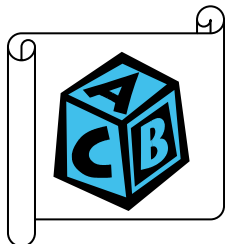
Children also need to complete ongoing practise of all times tables on Times Table Rockstars.



ENGLISH

One piece of English homework will go home on a Friday reinforcing the work done in school during the week. This is to be returned on a Wednesday please.

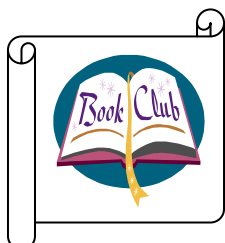
This will usually be sent out via Google Classroom.



SPELLING

Spellings will be sent home each Friday and will be tested the following Friday.

These will be available to practise via Spelling Shed. Their log on is in their reading record.



READING

Regular reading at home is encouraged. At least 3 times a week for 10 minutes to an adult is preferred.

We ask that reading records and reading books are in school every day.

Books will be issued on a Monday and will need to be returned on a Friday to quarantine over the weekend.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- ◆ Please ensure appropriate PE kit including footwear is named. Indoor PE will be on a Tuesday and outdoor PE will be on a Friday. Children will wear their PE kits home on a Friday so they can be washed and returned for PE on Tuesday.
- ◆ Homework will be uploaded to Google Classroom. If you do not have access to google classroom at home, please let us know and we will send home a physical copy of the homework.
- ◆ Children need to bring in a pair of named wellies to keep in school. Due to the social distancing at playtimes, the children may be on the field during the winter months. We will do outdoor learning every Wednesday so children need a change of clothes and waterproofs in addition to wellies on this day.
- ◆ Mrs Ker will teach on Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Jones on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Bullock is with us on Monday to Thursday and Miss Eveleigh on a Friday. Mrs Berry will teach art and music on a Monday afternoon and Miss Eveleigh will teach computing on a Thursday afternoon. If you need to contact us you can via our google emails which are mrsker@wiveliscombeprimary.school or mrsjones@wiveliscombeprimary.school and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Please ensure that all items of clothing and lunchboxes are clearly named.