



Wiveliscombe Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

Y4

Term

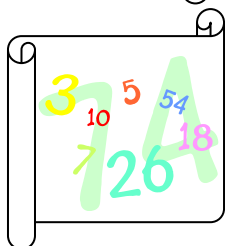
Spring 2021

Dear Parents

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

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	This term we will be focusing on stories from other cultures, focusing on traditional Indian tales to link with our Geography topic on India. The children will also have the opportunity to explore a range of poetry and non fiction texts. We will continue to consolidate their reading strategies and comprehension of a variety of texts, answering questions based upon them. Throughout the term, the children will continue to consolidate previous learning and broaden their understanding and use of grammatical techniques and devices.
Mathematics	Within Mathematics, there will be a focus on formal written methods for multiplication, subtraction, addition and division. We will continue to consolidate learning of decimals, fractions, converting units of measure and negative numbers. We will also be teaching strategies to help the children apply their skills and knowledge to real life situations as well as developing their mental maths capabilities. Within year 4, an ongoing focus will also be given to mental recall of all times tables.
Science	Throughout this term, we will be studying sound and the anatomy of hearing. Children will become familiar with the way sound travels along with its properties. In the latter half of the term, we will be investigating circuits and conductors. Within this unit, children will investigate and create different circuits, build simple switches and categorise materials into conductors and insulators.
Computing	The focus this term will be on developing skills in PowerPoint to produce a presentation on India, manipulating images, altering text and using the Internet as a research tool. We will also be continuing to consolidate and extend their knowledge of computer programming and the importance of E-Safety.
Geography	The topic this term is a case study of India. We will develop the children's mapping skills as well as learning about the education, work and daily life of people in a range of different locations across India. Children will be encouraged to make comparisons between life in India and life at home. We will also investigate the religious and cultural differences.
History	This term the children will learn about the lives of The Shang Dynasty of China. They will learn about the chronology of the Shang Dynasty within the wider historical context.
RE	Linking to our Geography topic on India, children will have the opportunity to explore Hinduism. As part of this, we will be looking at different Hindu Gods and how Hindus worship. We will also study their key festivals and important celebrations.
Music	The children will be investigating and exploring melodies and scales, following the pitch movement of the melody in a song.
Art	Children will compare the work of surrealist artists such as Rene Magritte and Salvador Dali producing their own surrealist art. There will also be a focus this term on traditional Indian art.
DT	Year 4 will be designing and making torches, creating links with Science (circuits and conductors).
PE	This term we will be focusing on swimming techniques and improving net and ball games. The children will be creating their own team games and deciding on their own rules as well as continuing with their dance programme of study.

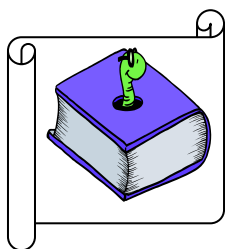
Homework



MATHS

Consolidation of work carried out that week.

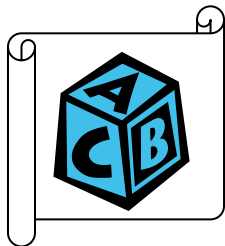
Mental maths/times tables practice.



ENGLISH

Grammar and sentence work. Homework tasks should be completed either on the worksheet or the paper provided and should be completed using a sharp pencil

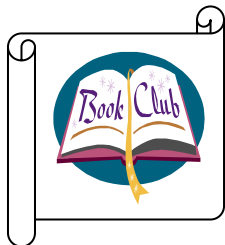
Children should also use this as an opportunity to practise their handwriting.



SPELLING

Variety of spellings related to the spelling rules taught.

Children are encouraged to look at and practise their spellings over the course of the week, ready for the test on Thursdays.



READING

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

Reading record books should be signed by an adult when your child has read to you and returned every day with your child's reading book.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- ♦ PE kits are to be in school at all times. (Black/ dark blue shorts, plain house coloured t-shirt, daps or trainers and black/ dark blue tracksuit bottoms for colder weather)
- ♦ Homework will be given out on Fridays, to be returned completed by Wednesday.
- ♦ **Please could all belongings be clearly named.**
- ♦ Children to bring a **healthy** snack (no nuts) and water bottle to school everyday (clearly labelled)