



Wiveliscombe Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

Year 4

Term

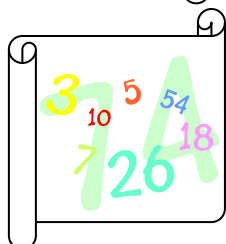
Spring 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	In English, we will be exploring a wide range of text types including recounts, play scripts, information and instructional texts and poetry. The children will write their own magical story set in the Far East and get to research real-life dragons for an information text. 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 consolidate previous learning and broaden the children's understanding and use of grammatical techniques and devices.
Maths	In maths, the children will be studying multiplication, coordinates and fractions this term. We will be learning to notice patterns in the 7 times table and to recall multiplication and division facts to 12x12 as well as use more formal methods to multiply and divide larger numbers. This term, maths will also include using coordinates to plot and describe positions of points on the x and y axes, as well as adding, subtracting fractions with a focus on improper fractions and mixed numbers. 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 animals, plants and their habitats as well as the digestive system. We will look at how animals can be grouped and how their habitat influence how they live and adapt. We will also look at food webs and food chains to see how the animals and plants survive in their environments. In the second half term, we will focus on the digestive system starting at teeth and working our way down whilst looking at the processes our body uses to get nutrients from our food to all areas of the body.
Computing	The children will learn to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly, recognising acceptable/unacceptable behaviour and how to report concerns. We will be practising research on the internet and the children will develop their presentation skills using Google slides to create a comic about school life.
MFL	The children will be developing 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.
Geography	In Geography this term, we will be exploring a city in Chile and comparing this to Bristol as they are both coastal and have some similar features. We will look at both the physical and human geography of the area with a focus on earthquakes and volcanoes due to the fault lines running close the Chile and Valdivia (our study location) in particular.
History	We will be studying the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons this term. We will be looking at how the Vikings were so successful when invading and settling in other countries. We will look at how long ships helped the Vikings with these events The children will also be challenged to create a to convince the people and the noblemen that they should be made King after the Battle of Hastings in 1066.
RE	Throughout this term, we will be looking at Christianity with a particular focus on why Good Friday is so named. We will look at what the bible tells us about Easter and how Christians view salvation through bible stories and questioning.
Art and DT	In Art, the children will be focussing on folk art from around the world. There will also be a focus on Indian folk art painting and the children will create their own version of this style which is often painted on fabric. In DT this term, the children will be creating their own seasonal vegetable tarts. They will taste test various combinations of vegetables to decide on their final choice before creating and baking their tarts. We will then evaluate the results looking at what worked well and what they would do differently next time.
Music	This term, we will be looking at Chinese music, using the pentatonic scale. We will use glockenspiels to compose music in the same style. In the second half of the term, we will study the classical piece of music called 'In the Hall of the Mountain King'. We will look at how the music makes us feel, how it portrays the characters and then draw a picture to show this. We will also create our own pieces of music.
PE & Forest School	We will be using their creativity and gross motor skills in Real Dance to create a piece to present to the class in the first half-term. We will then use RealPE to improve our coordination and ball skills. We will further develop their confidence, skills and ability in a range of invasion games. We will also be learning about habitats and materials during a range of outdoor activities in Forest School.
PSHE & RSE	There will be a focus on respectful relationships including caring friendships this term, as well as valuing differences in everyone.

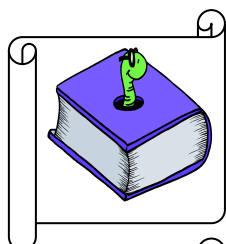
Homework



MATHS

Maths homework will be set on a Wednesday to consolidate the week's learning and should be returned the following Wednesday.

Children also need to complete ongoing practise of all times tables on www.timestables.co.uk. The children will be given their login details for this and we will be also using this in school.

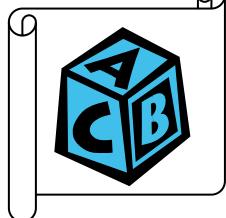


ENGLISH

English homework will be set on a Wednesday to consolidate the week's learning and should be returned the following Wednesday.

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

Children should be encouraged to write for pleasure at home.

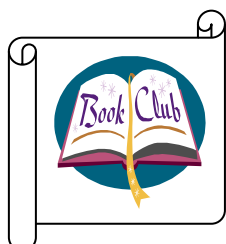


SPELLING

Weekly spelling tests will be set every Friday and tested the following Friday.

Spellings should be practised everyday including lists from previous weeks.

Children should be able to spell all words from the Y3/4 statutory Word List.



READING

Children should read regularly at home and recorded in their reading records at least three times per week.

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:

Contact with Mrs Grattan and Mr Warner – Should you have any enquiries, you are always welcome to speak to me outside of the classroom at the beginning and end of the day. Alternatively, you can reach me by emailing the school office: office@wiveliscombprimary.com

Absence - If your child is absent from school, or late due to an appointment, please telephone the school before registration closes at 9:15.

Physical Education - Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school every Friday. This should include: black/dark blue shorts, plain house coloured t-shirt, daps or trainers and black/dark blue tracksuit bottoms for colder weather.

Forest School—Our Forest school session will be on a Tuesday morning. Please bring children into school in their outdoor clothes and wearing school shoes. We will change them into their wellies once in school. They should bring their uniform to change back into for afterwards. Outdoor clothing should consist of clothes that you don't mind them getting dirty and currently, waterproof trousers, hats, scarfs and gloves may be required.

Water bottles—Please send your child in with a named water bottle everyday, containing only water.

Snack—Your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack with them to school for break time. Please note that we are a nut-free school and therefore do not permit any items containing nuts.

Please ensure that all clothing, lunchboxes and water bottles are clearly named.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term in Year 4. Thank you! Mrs Grattan and Mr Warner.