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'Growing Together'

Friday 10th September 2021

Year 4 Autumn Curriculum Overview 2021/22

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We hope that you and your family are well and enjoyed the summer break. As a year group team, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you an overview of the term ahead, with the aim to: -

- inform you of the **next steps** of your child's education;
- support your **at-home discussions** with your child(ren); and
- provide you with the tools to encourage **additional practise at home**.

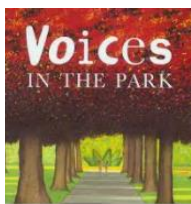

Ribbon Virtues

Firstly, here is a reminder of Ribbon's key virtues. The 'RESPECT' framework supports our 'whole school approach' to be able to help children to develop these behaviour traits within everything we do at Ribbon. Our children will be praised and rewarded on the occasions that they showcase these virtues, so it is important they understand each virtue and when these are present in their behaviours.



Curriculum Overview

Please find below a grid, clearly showcasing what your child(ren) will be learning over the course of the autumn term.

Subject	In-Class Coverage
Phonics and Spelling	In phonics and spelling we will be learning to: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate high frequency words • Revise and learn spellings from the Year 3 and 4 spelling list
Reading	During our reading sessions we will be reading: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>We will be introducing different types of comprehension questions (which we call VIPERS) and practising these. The key skills we will be practising include: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give/explain the meaning of words. • Retrieve and record information from fiction and non-fiction. • Summarise main ideas. • Make inferences from the text. • Predict what might happen.



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Writing	In writing this term, we will be studying and writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper Reports • Non-Chronological Reports; and • Character Description
Maths	In maths , we will be looking at: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and place value; working with numbers up to and beyond 1000. • Recognising the place value of each digit in four-digit numbers. • Identifying, representing and estimating amounts using different representations. • Comparing, rounding and ordering numbers. <p>Children can login in at home to practise their maths using Mathletics and TT Rockstars; Mathletics is certainly beneficial to children as we will be setting specific activities linked to in school learning.</p>
Science	In Science , additional to developing key scientific investigation skills, we will be developing our scientific knowledge in our topic 'Living things and their habitats'. We will be focusing on: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main animal and plant groups and describing their features. • Identifying the different animals and plant; and • Identifying ways in which the environment changes.
History	In history lessons this term, children will be learning about:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ancient Greek civilization. • The Golden Age of Ancient Greece. • The Olympic Games; and • How the achievements of Ancient Greece have helped to influence the western world.
Geography	In geography lessons this term, children will be learning about:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europe and naming their human and physical feature, and. • Exploring map skills, enhanced with a local trip to Seaham.
RE	In RE lessons this term, children will be learning about the Bible and why it is important to Christians.
PE	Our PE sessions this term will focus on skills within rounders.
Computing	In computing we will be introduced to Apples pages and programming.
PSHE	In PSHE lessons this term, our topics are 'Being me in my world' and 'Celebrating Differences'.
Art & Design	In art lessons this term, we will be studying the artists Andreas Lie and Daniel Mackie, as well as developing our drawing and painting skills.
Design & Technology	In DT lessons this term, we will be exploring a healthy and varied diet as well as creating our own healthy biscuits.
Music	In music lessons this term, we will be strengthening our knowledge of recorders, as well as beginning whole-class clarinet sessions.
MFL	In MFL lessons this term, we will focus on listening attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in.



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Key Reminders

PE Kits	Reading at Home
	
<p>Full PE kits must be brought into school every Monday. This will be returned each Friday ready for the following week. Children need to wear Ribbon kit which consists of: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • black hoody • jersey bottoms • green shorts (weather dependent) 	<p>It's vitally important that your child practises their reading at home on a little, yet often basis. This will develop their confidence, fluency and love for reading. Your child must bring their reading book to school every day so we can support them to do the same.</p> <p>Together let's support your child to clock-up their reading miles!</p>

Practising At Home

On the occasion that your child cannot attend school, please access the below online platforms to support the learning and practice of your children's knowledge and skills. For some platforms, you will need to locate your child's log in details.

TT Rockstars	Bitesize	Oak National Academy	Mathletics	Reading Plus	Accelerated Reader
					
Click the Link	Click the Link	Click the Link	Click the Link	Click the Link	Click the Link

Key Dates

Event	Date	Time
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021	3:30pm
School Reopens	Monday 1 st November 2021	9:00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 17 th December 2021	3:30pm
School Reopens	Tuesday 4 th January 2022	9:00am

We strongly discourage holidays taken during term time. For more information, please contact **Mrs K Maddison (Family Support Advisor)** via main reception.

Thank you in advance for your support over this coming term.

Kindest regards,
Miss Rispin, Miss Cobb and Miss Smith
(Year 4 Team)