

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is so lovely to see you all again! All of the children have returned with a really positive attitude and are ready and eager to learn. This term our topics will be:



I would walk 500 hundred miles! (The UK)

Poetry



Literacy: We are going to be using different texts as inspiration for our writing. We will begin with The Day the Crayons Quit, writing an apology letter to the crayons. We will then move onto using persuasive language in a leaflet for a UK tourist attraction. Lastly, we will be studying poetry. The children will be creating their very own poetry book, made up of their favourite poems as well as some of their own!

Numeracy: Our first topic in numeracy will be Place Value. The children will be able to recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number. This will help them greatly in future numeracy topics. For example, addition and subtraction. The children will be introduced to negative numbers and Roman numerals to 100. There will be a big focus on times tables this year as the children will be undergoing the statutory multiplication checker in the summer term. I will be sending home more information on this soon.

Science: Animals including Humans will be our first science topic of Year 4. We will be studying the human digestive system, human teeth, and their functions as well as food chains. We will then move onto Sound, in which the children will use different household objects to make instruments.

PE: This term in PE our topics are Dodgeball and Dance. The children will be studying and trying out different styles of dance from around the world.

Spellings will be tested on Fridays. The new spelling rule will be handed out on the same day. I will often give the children an activity to take home to help practise or set a PurpleMash activity. We may spend more time on a rule so do not worry if your child does not have new spellings every week. Alongside the rules, the children will be tested on the Year 3 & 4 common exception words. I will be assigning the chosen words for that week(s) alongside the rules.

Homework will be given out on Fridays. I will endeavour to set homework using the PurpleMash website as much as possible.

What you can do to help:

- Remind your child to bring in a **named** water bottle.
- Please ensure that your child wears their PE kits to school on Mondays and Thursday. Please no earrings on these days.
- Read with your child or encourage them to read 3-4 times a week.
- Assist your children with practising their spellings, including the common exception words.
- Test your children on their times tables. I will have copies of the times table grid by the classroom door, so if you do require one, please feel free to take!

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to organise a meeting with me after school.

Warm regards,

Mrs Brennan