



## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4 class and what will be another amazing year at St John's. We hope you all had a lovely summer and are keen to start!

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like ideas of how to best support your child at home, then please do email us via [office@hoveton-st-johns.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@hoveton-st-johns.norfolk.sch.uk) or through the Google classroom.

Here is a brief overview of what we will be covering during the Autumn Term.

### **Topic**

In Geography we will be looking at our local area, as well as identifying human and physical characteristics. After half term, we will be learning about Mediterranean Europe, its climate, mountain ranges and location.

In Art we will be using sketching techniques to compare light and dark. After half term we will be deepening these techniques in relation to space, in particular, height, width and depth. In DT we will be sewing cushions.

In History we will be learning all about Ancient Greece, the culture, philosophers, the origin of the Olympic Games and legacy of the Ancient Greeks.

In Music the children will be using the song Mamma Mia to listen and appraise, play instruments, improvise and compose music. After half term the children will be using a song/rap about bullying and composing some raps of their own.

### **Science**

For the first half of the term we will be learning all about the human body, how all living things are made up of cells, the role of each type of tooth, how the digestive system works and how a balanced diet keeps us healthy. After half term, we will then move onto learning about plants and animals.

### **Maths**

In Maths the work we complete in school is based around the principles of fluency, problem solving and reasoning. We use a scheme called Power Maths which supports this learning.

In the summer term of Year 4, the children will complete the statutory multiplication check. All of the children have log-in details for Times Tables Rockstars. Children are expected to regularly use this to improve their times tables knowledge and speed of recall.

### **English**

We will be starting this term with Adventure Stories and will be continuing to learn all texts through Talk for Writing.

The children will have daily guided reading sessions and weekly library sessions.

Children should be encouraged to read for pleasure at home and complete three comments in their Reading Diaries.

### **P.E.**

Year 4 will have P.E. every Tuesday afternoon and so should come to school in their P.E. kits on this day.

We will inform you about swimming details and forest school when we have more information as to when these sessions will be taking place.

### **Homework**

Spellings will be set every Friday to be tested the following week, this will be set via Spelling Frame. Homework will also be set every Friday and will be linked to topics being studied in class and set via the google classroom. Homework can then be submitted via google classroom for marking.

The children will also need to use Times Table Rock Stars at home to develop their fluency with times table recall.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a very good year!

Mrs Gittins, Mrs Purdy and Mrs Popey