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 or through the Google classroom, which we will be setting up shortly.

Here is a brief overview of what we will be covering during the Autumn 1 Term.

Topic

In Geography we will be looking at our local area, as well as identifying human and physical characteristics. They will learn about lines of latitude and longitude and revisit the equator and poles. They will have the opportunity to practice using grid references and will learn how to read and use map scale.

In Art we will be using sketching techniques to compare light and dark and in particular, how form is shown by how light falls on an object. The children will look at works by Caravaggio and Vermeer and how they used extremes of light to create drama. They will create still life drawings using charcoal to show tone.

In Computing the children will be learning about how to use a search engine effectively to answer questions and how to look for and trust reliable information sources.

In RE the children will be looking at Judaism and what is the best way for a Jew to lead a good life.

The children will continue to follow our PSHE programmes and in French this year will begin by brushing up previous French taught.

In DT, the children will be designing and making cushions by learning how to sew. This is a project that runs over both Autumn 1 and 2.

In Music the children will be using the techniques of creating and notating their own music.

Science
For the first half of this 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.

Maths
In Maths the work we complete in school is based around the principles of fluency, problem solving and reasoning. We will continue to use 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 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.
Our PE days are to be confirmed and 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. Homework will also be set every Friday.

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 Green, Miss Plane, Mrs Jennings and Mrs Chapman