Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are keen to start the Spring Term! We have our residential this term, so we will be holding an information meeting soon, so look out for an email letting you know when this is going to take place.

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.

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

Topic

In Geography we will be looking at rivers and recognising rivers of the world and how humans are connected to them. We will also be naming, locating and describing key rivers in Europe, Asia, North America, South America and Africa.

In Art, we will be using monuments of Ancient Rome to inspire us to create a model of the Pantheon, using papier mache, this ties in with what we are covering in History.

In History, we will be learning all about the rise and fall of the Roman Empire and life in ancient Rome.

In Music, the children will be learning two new songs and continue to play the glockenspiels.

Science

For this term, we will be learning all about the sounds and how it travels and learn about states of matter and the water cycle.

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. We are currently continuing with multiplication and division then moving onto length and perimeter, fractions and decimals.

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 a finding tale, based on a text called Sandy Cove. We will be focusing on using prefixes and suffixes and using dictionaries to check spelling. For our non-fiction focus will be looking at discussion texts, with our model text asking if trolls should be able to roam free? We will end the Spring Term with poetry to help build vocabulary.

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 Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and so should come to school in their P.E. kits on this day.

Homework

Spellings will be set every Friday to be tested the following week. Homework and challenges 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 Hatton and Mrs Whiting