



Harvey Road School

Class 4

Summer 2019

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a restful Easter break and are ready for a new term. Here you will find information about the curriculum for this term.

Essential information

Homework – Continuing from last term, homework will be given on a Friday to be completed over the weekend and handed in on the following Tuesday. If there are any problems with homework, children then have the opportunity to ask for further assistance at school on Monday, if they need it.

As always, Homework diaries will be used as a communication link between home and school. On a Friday we will fill in any important upcoming events in the next week at school. Homework diaries must be in school every day and should be signed by parents over the weekend ready for Tuesday. Please can I also remind you that reading books should be read daily at home and brought into school every day, with a comment from whoever has listened in their diary. This should happen at least three times a week.

Spellings – tests will continue to be on a Friday. The children will be given their new spellings and will have until the following Friday to learn them.

Times tables and divisions- There will be a weekly times table and division test on a Tuesday.

PE – PE lessons are currently on Tuesdays and Thursdays but this may change over the coming weeks as we have some other timetable changes due to swimming lessons, some PE lessons with York House, and various other events. This is going to be a busy term but I will keep you informed of any changes. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week to support these changes.

PPA- Mrs Jeffrey will continue to provide PPA cover and will teach Music, and Science. This is on Thursday mornings.

English

Children will be reading at school regularly, either individually, with an adult, or as part of a class shared reading activity. It is also really important for you to listen to your child read at home on a daily basis to reinforce their understanding of a text and grasp of new vocabulary. Grammar activities will be done in class and the children will bring home grammar activities as homework from time to time alongside regular reading comprehensions. Spellings will continue to be a focus and there is a weekly test, on a Friday.

The units covered in Literacy this term are: Play-scripts, Stories with a historical setting, Poetry and Persuasive texts. Children will have the opportunity to read many texts from each genre while studying the specific features of that text before planning, writing and editing their own final story, play, poem or persuasive argument.

Maths

Geometry- We will be drawing 2D shapes with increasing accuracy whilst learning about translation, reflection and rotation on quadrant grids.

Multiplication and division- We will be continuing to recall the multiplication and division facts for times tables up to 12 x 12. We will explore what happens when we multiply by 1 and 0. We will then be learning how to use the formal written layout to multiply and divide two and three digit numbers by a one digit number, and apply these skills to solving problems.

Fractions including decimals- We will be ordering fractions of quantities and shape in practical contexts and exploring the relationships between fraction families. We will use factors and multiples to recognise equivalent fractions and simplify these within problems. We will add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, round decimal to the nearest whole number and use our fractions skills to solve a variety of different problems in a range of contexts.

Measurement- We will be finding the area of rectilinear shapes, solving simple problems involving converting between different units of measure (e.g. kilometres to metres). We will be reading, writing and converting time between analogue and digital 12 and 24 hour clocks and solving problems involving converting between different units of time.

Science

We will be finishing off our States of Matter topic initially by looking at melting, freezing, and the water cycle. After that we will be learning electrical circuits and finding out which materials are good electrical conductors. This final topic will be linked to our DT.

History

Victorians We will investigate what life was like for people living in Victorian Britain, with a focus on the royal family, daily life, and conditions for children. We will learn about the lives of Queen Victoria and key figures like Dr. Barnardo and Charles Dickens.

D&T

Alarms Using their scientific knowledge of how electrical circuits work, children will be designing, making and evaluating a game which features an alarm system.

Art

Pop Art We will be learning about pop, drawing inspiration from pop artists such as Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol. We will be using a range of materials and computer programs to create pop art of our own.

Music

We will be creating music linked to the environment and discovering how different sounds can depict different scenes. We will also be focusing on singing and the KS2 Production.

PE

Athletics We will be learning and practising a range of athletic skills, such as short distance running (to prepare for the Sports Day) and throwing for distance.

Swimming We will be swimming after half term, with the aim of building children's confidence in the water with front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke. We will also be preparing for the annual swimming gala.

ICT

Authoring

We will be learning about how websites are made and have a go at coding ourselves. The children will use a variety of different software to create digital content, understanding some of the differences between them. They will select and use software to create non-chronological content for specific audiences and purposes.

RE

We will be discussing which books are special to the children, and why. We will then look at the sacred texts within Christianity and Sikhism and discuss how they are treated and used in religious services.

PHSE

We will be thinking about our rights and responsibilities and how they affect our lives. We will be learning about rules and laws that we must follow and how our actions have consequences. Other PSHE topics we will learn about include community life, climate change and how to manage our money.

French

We will be learning how to speak about food in French.