



Harvey Road School

Class 4

Autumn 2021

Welcome to Class 4!

Hello and welcome to Year 4! Here you will find information about the curriculum for this term. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me when you see me on the playground first thing in the morning or at the end of the school day. Alternatively, send me a message in your child's homework diary or email the office.

Essential information

Homework – Homework will be given on a Fridays 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. Homework will alternate between maths, grammar and comprehension and each task will take around 30 minutes. There will only be two pieces of homework each week.

Homework Diaries - Homework diaries/Link books must be in school every day. We will fill them in with information for the following week on a Friday, they should then be signed over the weekend ready for Monday when they will be checked; this must be done by Tuesday at the latest please.

Spellings – Spelling tests will be on a Friday, with new spellings given out that day.

Times tables and divisions- There will be a weekly times table and division test on a Friday. The children will be expected to use Times Tables Rock Stars regularly at home and their progress will be monitored.

Reading – Children will be bringing reading books home. Children should be reading to an adult every weekday for at least 10 minutes. Please sign their homework diaries to show who has heard them read and what page/book they are up to next. This will be checked twice a week.

Library- The class will have a library session on Thursday afternoons- they will be able to choose a book to take home for the week and change the following week. We will encourage them to read a mixture of Fiction and Non-Fiction.

PE – PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school all week as we occasionally do additional PE on other days.

PPA- Mrs Gregory will be providing PPA cover for our class, on Thursday afternoon, as well as all day on Wednesday

We are all looking forward to a fantastic year with your children!

Mrs Telfer/Mrs Gregory and the year 4 team

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 children to read at home on a regular basis to further develop their reading skills. Grammar activities will be done in class and the children will bring home grammar activities as homework from time to time. Spellings will continue to be a focus and there is a weekly test on a Friday.

The units covered in Literacy this term are:

- Stories from other cultures
- Information texts
- List poetry
- Adventure stories
- Newspaper articles
- Report writing

Children will have the opportunity to read many texts from a genre while studying the specific features of that text before planning, writing and editing their own final story, poem or information text.

Maths

We will be developing a range of maths skills this term, paying particular attention to “Thinking Mathematically” by considering how to use resources to support our thinking and how to justify and explain the answers we have reached. This helps children to really understand mathematical concepts rather than just applying a method and getting an answer.

The topics we will be covering this term include:

- Place Value – Ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1000, rounding and estimation
- Mental methods for addition and subtraction
- Formal written methods for addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division facts (Times Tables)
- Problem solving in a range of contexts
- Measurement – Conversion of units, comparing, estimating and calculating discrete and continuous in graphs.
- Shape – Finding the perimeter of shapes

Science

Living things: Children will learn to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. They will explore and use keys to identify and name a variety of living things. Finally, they will look at how changes to habitats can pose dangers to living things.

Sound: Children will learn about how sound is made and how we hear different sounds. They will learn about the volume and pitch of different sounds and what the sound waves of different sounds look like. We will also look at how we sound travels and how different variables (like distance, insulation or wind) affect what we can hear.

Geography

Global Location: Children will learn about, continents countries and capital cities of the world.

Biomes and Vegetable Belts: A biome is a natural area of plants and animals. The world is divided into lots of different biomes and they are all different depending on their climate. We will be learning about the different types and where to find them.

History

Anglo Saxons and Scots: Children will be learning about the Anglo Saxons and Scots, how they shaped Britain; place names; invasions and the arrival of the Vikings.

D&T

Wallets: We will investigate the function and properties of money containers, then design our own wallet or purse. We will learn a variety of stitches with which to sew our wallets. Any opportunity to practice sewing at home will come in very handy!

Art

Printing: Children will learn skills related to a variety of printing techniques. They will also be designing and creating their own stampers from a range of different materials to make their prints.

Music

Learning a brass instrument: The children are very lucky to have a music teacher coming in, who will teach them to play a brass instrument, for the whole year! Will be focusing on beat, pitch and structure in music. They will learn to develop their listening skills and create repeated patterns.

PE

Dance: Children will be working individually, in pairs and in small groups to create, perform and review short dance sequences.

Gymnastics: We will be combining floor work and gymnastic apparatus with a focus on balance and shape.

Games: Children will have the opportunity to develop their team building, communication, and fitness skills. They will be learning the fundamentals of Netball.

Computing

This term we will be looking at computing systems and networks – the internet in particular before moving onto creating media via audio editing.

RE

Children will learn about the different Hindu gods and the use of shrines for worship in a Hindu home. Before Christmas, children will learn about the importance of Advent in the Christian calendar and how advent is recognised around the globe.

PSHE

To start the term the children will be collaboratively writing a set of class rules and helping to develop our ethos for a safe learning environment. Me and my World is the topic and we will be talking about managing different emotions, building healthy relationships.

French (MFL)

We will start by looking at some French phonics before learning how we can introduce ourselves and present ourselves to others. After that, we will be looking at the topic of family. French will focus on the skills of speaking, listening as well as starting to write simple supported sentences.