

Year 4 Autumn Term Curriculum Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sandra and Daniella would like to welcome you and your child back to Grafton for the Autumn Term. We hope that this year will be both challenging and stimulating!



Literacy

Spelling, grammar and text level work will be incorporated into a creative English curriculum, which will span a range of fiction and non-fiction genres. Children will be reading frequently so please ensure that they bring their current reading book in every day.

Being heard regularly at home greatly helps their progress. It is important that the children discuss their reading with you as this develops their understanding further and builds their speaking and listening skills. Reading records must be signed at least once a week and this will be checked weekly.

Maths

Daily mental maths activities will support the children's key skills such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as challenging their logic and problem solving skills. In Maths this term the children will be continuing to follow the Maths Mastery scheme of work, studying place value, the four number operations. Please support your child to learn their times tables in preparation for the times tables check in Summer Term. Supporting their maths homework will ensure that they are able to use these skills more effectively in class.

Science

In Science our first topic is 'Animals, including Humans' and as part of this topic children will be looking at the digestive system, teeth and food chains. Next half term, the topic will be States of Matter and we will be investigating solids, liquids and gases and their properties. This topic provides lots of practical activities to develop and consolidate the children's scientific thinking.

Topic

This term we will be following the Geography Mastery scheme of work to study the topic of 'Amazon – Rivers and Rainforests'. The children will be learning all about this important environment through the human and physical geography of the area and how it has been affected by deforestation. This will include the features of a tropical rainforest and the animals and people that live there. We will also be investigating rivers in general and the Amazon in particular.

Art/DI

This half term, Year Four are lucky to be working with Lucia, our new artist in residence. We will be creating two mini-projects: All About Me and Amazon, Rivers and Rainforest. Next half term, we will be looking at Gears and Pulley in DT.

Computing

The children will be developing their ICT skills, facilitated by iPads. We will be focusing on e-safety, computing systems and the internet this term. The iPads will also be used

in our other lessons across the curriculum. It would be greatly beneficial to continue this at home too, especially by researching the topics we are currently studying.

P.S.H.E

This term we will be focusing on our mental health and wellbeing, through our mini-topic All About Me, and also how we can keep safe and manage risk. After half term, we will be focusing on our physical health and wellbeing.

R.E.

This half term we will be focusing on what we can learn from religion about right and wrong. In the second half of the term we will be looking at what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today.

Music

This term, the children will be working with Juwon, giving them an excellent opportunity to learn about rhythm, pitch, tempo, composition and appreciation. This term they will be using instruments to learn how to read and follow simple notation.

P.E.

Year 4 P.E. sessions will take place on **Wednesday afternoon for Jade Class** and **Friday afternoon for Lilac Class**. We will be following the Islington Scheme of Work to develop the children's fine and gross motor skills and build their levels of fitness. Your child will need comfortable clothing and must wear trainers for these sessions.

Homework

Homework will be set on **Fridays** and will need to be in **by the following Wednesday for both Year 4 classes**. The children then have time in which they can come and see their teacher if they are unsure what to do. Homework is set to support learning in class, for example practising strategies that have been taught, and sometimes to research information for forthcoming topics. Please support the children where possible. It is important that they are working in optimum conditions that support their learning such as sitting at a table in a quiet environment without distractions, such as the TV or an iPad.

Finally, please ensure that your child arrives at school at 9.00am, as this helps to make a positive start to their day. We look forward to having a stimulating, enjoyable and productive term and welcome your support to achieve this. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any queries about your child or their progress.

If you have any questions or concerns about the forthcoming term, please feel free to email:

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Class	PE	Music
Lilac	Friday afternoon	Every Friday morning
Jade	Wednesday afternoon	Every Friday morning

Many thanks,

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Head Teacher