

YEAR 4

YEAR 4'S CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to OLSJ and the start of a New Year. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

We have a great term coming up; We are studying some interesting new topics which the children are really going to enjoy. Below is an outline of the curriculum your child will be following this term.

RE

R.E: Local Church - Community; Islam; Eucharist – Relating and Lent- self discipline. Encourage the children to explore the different features of their local community and what makes it special.

English

We will be reading 'Charlotte's Web' and 'Street Child' in class. A lot of our writing will be based on these stories. For poetry we will look at: Roger McGough, Valerie Bloom, and Michael Rosen. In our Grammar skills we will develop: direct speech, prefixes/suffixes, fronted adverbials and conjunctions. We will also do Information report writing on North and South America, which links to our geography topic. Please continue to read a range of texts with your child at home to encourage understanding and fluency.

Maths

Following our maths programme 'White Rose Maths,' we start the term by continuing to look at multiplication and division. We will then cover area, fractions and decimals later in the term. The children must know all their times tables really well by the end of Year 4. They are making good progress, but please continue to practise their times tables every day at home. We have the official test in June and the children must answer each question within 6 seconds. Mental maths tests will also take place in class once a week.



ICT

We will work on Spread sheets using (2Calculate). We will also create reports based on our Geography topic and explore digital maps.

Art & Design

We will be practising shading and toning using sketching pencils; exploring charcoal; Watercolour and exploring different artists. We will make light up robots in DT.

Geography/History

Our topic is on North America. We will learn about this amazing continent. In history, we are going to learn about crime and punishment.

Science

Our topics are 'Sound – 'How does sound reach our ears?' and 'Electricity- What can we do with electricity?'

Homework is given out once a week: every Thursday to be handed in on Monday and spellings/times tables are handed out at the same time for the following Friday's test. Work must be returned on time to allow enough time for marking.

Swimming/P.E Children will now be swimming every Friday morning. Please ensure your child has a swimming costume and a towel, as this weekly lesson is a part of the Year 4 curriculum. PE will take place every Wednesday morning.

Spanish

This term we will be working on transport, hobbies and explore a Spanish speaking country.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK.

KIND REGARDS,

MR ROOK, YEAR 4 CLASS TEACHER.