

# YEAR 4

YEAR 4'S CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to OLSJ and the start of a new academic year. I am looking forward to getting to know the children over the next few weeks and finding out how best to help them with their learning. It will also be great to meet all of you properly during our first meeting early this term.

This term we will aim to provide the children with a broad and balanced curriculum as well as focussing on core English and maths skills. We will also continue to provide time working on mental health through discussion, artwork and mindfulness exercises. It is so important the children feel comfortable and happy at school.

## RE

Our topic this half term is 'Domestic Church-Family' with a focus on people. Then we will be moving on to a week on 'Judaism'. After half term, we will look at 'Baptism/Confirmation' before finishing the term with 'Advent/ Christmas.'

## English

We will explore a range of texts this term looking at fiction and non-fiction styles. Our class texts will link to the theme 'Growing together'. We will start the term looking at the book 'The Promise', a lovely book which focusses on the natural world, rewilding and building a sense of community. We are also going to start working on a new reading programme 'Destination reader'.

## Maths

Following the curriculum, and 'White Rose Maths' we will be concentrating on number and the four operations for most of the term. We will initially focus on place value before moving onto addition and subtraction. Children must know all their times tables really well by the end of Year 4. There is a test in June. Children should practise their times tables every day at home. Mental maths tests will also take place in class once a week.



## ICT

We will begin by looking at online safety before moving onto coding in the classroom.

We will link our work to design technology.

## Art

Our Art lessons will be linked to English/ History and RE. We will also look at the artist Picasso this term working on line drawings.

## History/ Geography

Our topic is on The Romans. We will learn about how they changed Britain. In geography, we are going to learn about volcanoes.

## Science

Our topic is 'Animals, including humans'. We will learn about digestion and the digestive system.'

**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.

**P.E** is every Wednesday morning with Mr. James. Children must come to school in their PE kits. They will stay in their kits for the remainder of the day.

## Spanish

This term we will working on greetings and practising dialogue on the weather and transport.



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

KIND REGARDS,

MR ROOK, YEAR 4 CLASS TEACHER.