



Class 4JS September 2016

Welcome to Year 4.
Please have a look at what we will be doing this term.

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. I wanted to provide you with some important information about your child's education this half term. This is an exciting time for us all in our new class. Our main theme this half term is 'Why are National Parks important?' We will learn all about the importance of National Parks, where they are and what we can do there. However we are starting the year by looking at Hull's seafaring history, in particular the famous 'Triple Trawler Disaster'.

Literacy

In literacy we will be studying a children's version of Beowulf. This classic children's text will be used to introduce diary and letter writing along with non-chronological report writing. It will also be used as inspiration for our own adventure story and descriptive writing.

Additionally we will also be looking at William Wordsworth's poem, Daffodils. Alongside this we will be developing our persuasive writing skills.

As always children will be given new spellings to learn each week on a Monday, in a format that will make it easy for them to practise each night in preparation for a weekly test the following Monday.

Numeracy

In numeracy we will be doing a lot of 'number work' focusing on the understanding of numbers and their properties. We will still be looking at shape and measures too as well as methods of handling data. All children should by now know most of their times tables as these are of enormous benefit in a variety of ways. By the end of year 4 it is expected that all children will know all of the times tables up to 12 x 12. We will also work hard to apply our knowledge and understanding of mathematics to solve problems and puzzles in a variety of contexts.

Science

In science we will be exploring the human body, paying particular attention to the digestive system and teeth. We will also plan investigations to explore how we can keep our teeth healthy. We will then construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

R.E

In R.E. we will be learning about what it means to be a Sikh, including what Sikhs believe in and where their beliefs originate from. We will then go on to discuss how this affects how they choose to live their lives. We will also be celebrating the Christian festival of Harvest and understanding its origins and meaning today.

I.C.T

In computing we will be looking at how to keep ourselves safe when using computers and other technologies, including mobile technologies such as iPads.

Also in ICT we will develop and extend our knowledge of databases and how they are constructed as well as developing our presentation skills.

P.E.

Your children will require full kit (plain red shorts and plain white t-shirt) including appropriate footwear for their PE lessons; jewellery is not to be worn on these days due to the safety issues.

Foundation subjects.

Initially in our theme of National Parks we will look at the history and location of Britain's National Parks. We will also develop our map skills and design our own National Park using map symbols.

We will also be developing our business and enterprise skills throughout the term with lots of fun, practical activities that will support our learning in all subjects. We are very excited that the children will be learning French this year, being taught by a teacher from Archbishop Sentamu Academy.

A very busy half term – we can hardly wait to get started!

Class information

All children have been issued with new reading books and will be expected to read **everyday at home**. Regular reading practice will help your child not only with their reading but also their writing in literacy and other subject areas. Children who have not had the opportunity to read **at least 3 times** during a week at home will read to an adult one play time a week.

I am always available after school to answer any concerns you may have about your child, so please feel free to come and discuss any worries or questions you may have with myself or Mrs Hawksley.

Mrs J Stevens.