

PARENTAL
INFORMATION
BOOKLET



INVESTORS IN PUPILS



CURRICULUM PLANNING

YEARS 3 and 4

Summer Term 2017

The children in Year 3 and 4 will be following the National Curriculum this year. A topic based approach will be adopted with links to Mathematics and Science where appropriate. The topic for the Summer Term is "**Holidays by the Sea**".

LITERACY

The Term will begin with a unit of work on persuasive writing. Children will learn how to write a 'House for Sale' advertisement for different types of houses. We will then introduce our main text "Dougal's Deep Sea Diving" by Simon Bartram. Through studying this text, children will learn how to write a diary entry. They will then write a further chapter of the book in this style. For the remainder of the Term the children will be learning about holidays in both Barcelona and Scarborough. They will write postcards and an information text about these two coastal areas. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will feature in all our Literacy lessons and children will be encouraged to apply their learning across other curricular areas. Throughout their Literacy learning children are encouraged to work towards their Literacy targets which are updated each half-term.

READING

In Year 3 and 4 reading skills are developed through guided reading sessions, independent/paired reading and the completion of reading comprehension exercises. Reading is an important part of the curriculum and children are expected to read at home no less than four times each week.

NUMERACY

The main areas the children will cover this term are capacity, time, symmetry and using written methods for calculation. In addition, children will have a weekly "Big Maths", mental arithmetic and multiplication tables test to keep skills sharp. A range of practical resources such as Numicon, place value counters and 100 squares will be used to aid children's understanding of mathematical concepts. Multiplication is a strong feature in the National Curriculum and children are expected to have instant recall of all their multiplication tables up to 12 multiplied by 12 by the end of Year 4.

SCIENCE

This term in Science, we are going to be studying "Sound". Pupils will carry out practical investigations to find out how sound travels, pitch and loudness and soundproofing.

Geography

Our Topic for this term is "Holidays by the Sea". Children will compare the similarities and differences between a coastal region in this country and one in the Mediterranean. Research visits to Scarborough have been planned to deepen and extend the children's understanding of this topic.

ART

In Art the children will learn about the Spanish architect Antoni Gaudi. They will then design and make a mosaic tile in a similar style to the mosaics found in Guell Park, Barcelona.

COOKING and NUTRITION

Children will learn about the fruits and vegetables grown in Spain and taste a range of Catalonian dishes.

MUSIC

The children will be taught this subject by Mrs Scholes from the Calderdale Music Hub. The music lessons are designed to link to the Topic.

COMPUTING

The children will be creating a booklet using Desktop Publishing while considering e-safety when completing a variety of tasks linked to the upcoming General Election.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children will be learning about people who inspire us.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Year 4 children will attend swimming lessons throughout this school year. Pupils must come with appropriate kit for the lessons every **Thursday**. Pupils with long hair must wear a swimming hat (available to purchase at the school office), girls a full costume (not bikini) and boys trunks or shorts (above the knee).

P.E. is timetabled for **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Children should have full kit for P.E.

- A white or Ling Bob T Shirt.
- Pumps /Trainers
- Black or Navy shorts
- Warm jumper for outdoor P.E

Please note earrings should not be worn on these days and tape must be provided if your child can not take earrings out.

P.E. Hijabs can be purchased from the school office. They cost £3.50

This term the children will be completing lessons on Tennis, Cricket and Athletics.

SPANISH

The children will have a Spanish lesson each week taught by Mrs Rowntree.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH and EDUCATION

The children will begin the term focussing on the five areas of Investors in Pupils; Classroom, Learning, Behaviour, New People and Attendance. Pupils will also be linking their PSHE work to democracy and the General Election.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We have a variety of rewards for the children when they show progress in each of the five Investors in Pupils areas. Your child may also be in the good effort book on Thursdays, make sure your mobile phone number is up to date to receive texts about this. Children are very proud of their Pupil Profile which contains details of weekly test results, completion of PAC, behaviour and targets. Your child's class teacher will be happy to share this with you at a mutually convenient time.

PAC WORK

Children will take home PAC (Pupil and Carer) work each Wednesday and this should be returned to school on the following Monday. There will be spellings and multiplication tables to learn for the weekly tests and additional activities linked to our work in School. At the end of each half-term children will be asked to complete a Learning Log based on our Science or Topic work.

PARTS PARENTS CAN PLAY

- Please continue to hear your child read on a regular basis and help them to remember to bring their reading book to school every day.
- Please continue to support your child with any Pupil and Carer Work (PAC Work).
- Please remember to ring School immediately if your child is absent.
- Please take note of the School term dates to avoid "unauthorised absences" when school is open, especially at the start of terms.
- Please check that your child has a pump bag, with correct P.E kit, in school on Wednesday, Thursday (Y4 Swimming) and Friday.
- Please put names in uniform, P.E kit and coats to avoid items being lost.
- Please try and attend Parent Coffee Mornings and Class Assemblies.
- Supporting your child with homework and making sure that they have the correct P.E. kit will help them to achieve their targets for the much sought after half-termly Blingo rewards.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please keep school informed of all up to date contact details needed in times of emergency.

DATES TO NOTE

Mon 24.4.17 - School Opens for the Summer Term
Mon 01.5.17 - School Closed, May Day Bank Holiday
Fri 05.05.17 - Miss Taylor's Class Assembly
Wed 17.05.17 - Miss Taylor's Parent Lunch
Thurs 25.5.17 - School closes, Half-Term
Mon 5.6.17 - School re-opens
W/C Tue 5.6.17 - Money Week
Wed 14.06.17 - Class 7 Parents Lunch
Mon 12.06.17 - Mrs Stansfield's Class trip to Scarborough
Tue 13.06.17 - Miss Wigg's Class trip to Scarborough
Wed 14.06.17 - Miss Taylor's Class trip to Scarborough
Mon 26.06.17 - Science Week
Fri 30.06.17 - Summer Fayre
Fri-7.7.17 - Transition Day
Thu 13.7.17 - Open Day 3;15
Tue 18.7.17 - KS2 Sports Day (PM)
Fri 21.07.17 - KS2 Blingo
Fri - 21.7.17 - Break up for the Summer holidays.
Tue 5.9.17 - School re-opens for the Autumn Term

The Year 3/4 Planning Team

Miss Wigg, Mrs Stansfield, Miss Taylor