

Maidenhall Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum Letter

September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We appreciate everyone's enthusiastic approach to the start of our new year and are really looking forward to the year ahead.

We would like to introduce the year 4 teaching team:

Tigers – Miss Steward (Year Leader)

Toucans – Miss Hussain

Panthers – Miss Steer

The learning this half term will be based around the book 'The Paperbag Prince' by the author Colin Thompson. Overleaf, you will see how the subjects are linked into the theme your child will be experiencing and the links that have been made. There are also suggestions as to how to help your child at home, as this is all part of working together.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their autumn uniforms and we are expecting them all to maintain the very high standards that they have started with.

I would like to remind you of the school policy during the winter months: grey trousers/ skirt, white shirt / t-shirt, red school jumper or cardigan and black, sensible shoes. In addition to this, children will need: a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts/leggings and plimsolls for indoor, and a plain tracksuit and trainers for outdoor P.E. sessions.

Earrings and watches, as always, **must** be removed for P.E. lessons on grounds of Health and Safety. Long hair, for the same reason, must be tied back.

The weather will soon be changing and so we encourage all the children to have a suitable warm/waterproof coat for break and lunch times.

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Supporting Your Child At Home

We ask that you support us in our aim to allow all children to reach their full potential. In order to do this, we ask for you to help your child with their learning at home. Reading is key to all we do in school, so support with reading at home is invaluable and greatly appreciated. The children are expected to read at home every day, the focus being not just on their ability to decipher a text, but also on their understanding of it.

We also ask that you help your child to learn their times tables and key spelling words at home.

Homework

To make good progress in year 4, it is recommended that children read every day at home, learn their times tables and work on their spellings. Homework will be set each Friday and collected the following Wednesday. Any homework submitted after this day will not be marked. Please ensure that your children take the time to complete their homework each week, with parental support if required. It is important that children complete their homework themselves and parents **should not** be writing/completing the homework for their children.

PE

PE lessons for the whole of Year 4 will be on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure children have their full PE kit (including outdoor wear) each week.

Reminders:

- Library sessions are every week on a Friday morning so please ensure your child is ready to return their library book on this day.
- Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled so that if items get lost they can be easily returned.
- Please ensure you read with your child's accelerated reader book every night and sign it in their reading record. Every child that reads every night will receive a raffle ticket that will give them a chance to win prizes.

Dates for your diaries

- Year 4 Parent Workshop – Thursday 20th September – 9am in the Key Stage 1 hall where the expectations of year 4 will be explained. Please join us if you are able to.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information about this term's learning and how to support your child please feel free to speak to us at the end of the day, where we are more than happy to help.

We look forward to working with you and thank you very much for your continued support.

Miss H Steward

Year 4 Team Leader

English

- Write a setting description based on the variety of settings in the Paperbag Prince book
- Research the importance of recycling and create an advert persuading people to recycle.
- Write instructions based on how to create a 'recycled' toy car.
- Further develop their understanding of grammar, spelling and punctuation.

How to help your child at home:

- Read regularly with your child, asking questions about the text.

Computing

The children will become 'toy makers'. They will explore software that allows them to design a toy.

Geography

The children will be learning about South America. They will be exploring different countries within the region while developing their knowledge of the physical and human features of the areas.

Art & DT

As part of the book curriculum, the children will be researching, designing and creating a recycled toy buggy for a particular target audience.

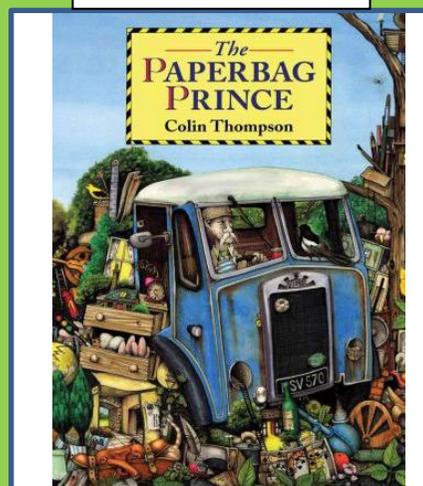
Maths

- Place value – comparing and ordering numbers beyond 1000
- Multiplication and division facts
- Addition and subtracting mentally
- Use a formal method for addition and subtraction

How to help your child at home:

- Help your child learn their times tables
- Develop their understanding of adding and subtracting numbers

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The Paperbag Prince

PSHE/Circle Time

Your child will discuss the importance of growth mind-set, looking at how they can be positive in their learning. They will also discuss and learn about British values and the value of Respect.

Science

The children will be learning about Sound.

They will learn to:

- Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating
- Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through the ear
- Find patterns between pitch, sound, volume and strength of vibrations
- Recognise sounds get fainter as the distance increases

RE

This term the children will be learning about different types of worship. They will learn about different religions, how and why they worship, as well as exploring the festival they participate in and their purpose.

PE – Your child will learn how to improve their running, jumping, throwing and catching skills in isolation and in combinations through the use of rugby, football and hockey. They will play competitive games and apply the new skills.

Music

The children will be exploring the song Five Gold Rings. They will be learning about rhythm, pitch and the phrasing of lyrics.