

**Maidenhall Primary School
Year 4 Curriculum Letter
September 2021**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had an enjoyable Summer break and that you were able to catch up with family and friends. The children will be expected to arrive at school by 8:40, **our lessons will start at 8:50.**

Our year 4 team is as follows:

Toucans	Mr Cook
Tigers	Mrs Tiana
Panthers	Miss Bens

All our team hugely value parental involvement and we look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks. If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment at the office or for a brief question, speak to them at the end of the day.

Uniform

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

We would like to remind you of the school policy during the autumn months: grey trousers/ skirt, white shirt / T Shirt, red school jumper or cardigan and black, sensible shoes.

PE

Our PE day is **Tuesdays**. The children need to come to school in their PE kit. They need to wear a white t-shirt and a black tracksuit. They need to wear trainers. 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

In year 4 there are a number of ways in which you can help support your child's learning at home.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read at home every day. It is really important that they understand what they are reading. We will be sending home some ideas for questions you could ask your child about their book. We will continue to use accelerated reader and your child's reading range will be indicated in their reading record.

Maths

We also ask that you help your child to continue to learn their times tables. There are some fantastic apps available and lots of games on the internet to support the learning of times tables. We recommend the children use Times Table Rockstars; they have logins for this.

Homework

Children will initially be receiving one piece of homework a week on Google Classroom. It will be set on a Friday and will be due by the following Wednesday. Teachers expect pupils to complete homework to the best of their ability and for it to be turned in on time.

If your child is having problems accessing Google Classroom, please let their teacher know and we will look at ways to support your child.

We look forward to working with you this year and thank you again for your support in your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tiana on behalf of the Year 4 Team

English

This half term the children will be reading *The Paper Bag Prince* by Colin Thompson. We will be using the book as a stimulus for writing setting descriptions. We will also be developing our persuasive writing skills by writing adverts. Later in the term, we will be learning how to write Kennings.

How to help your child at home:

- Read plenty of stories together
- Practise writing sentences.
- Discuss interesting vocabulary used in stories

Music/PSHE/RE

In music, the children will create their own composition and play it on a glockenspiel. In RE we will be exploring how faith is expressed in Sikh communities and traditions. In PSHE, we will explore how our actions affect others and look at different roles in the school community.

Maths

This half-term, the children will be focusing on place value with numbers up to 10,000. They will be identifying, ordering and comparing numbers using practical equipment and other methods. We will also be looking at rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will also be revisiting taught time tables.

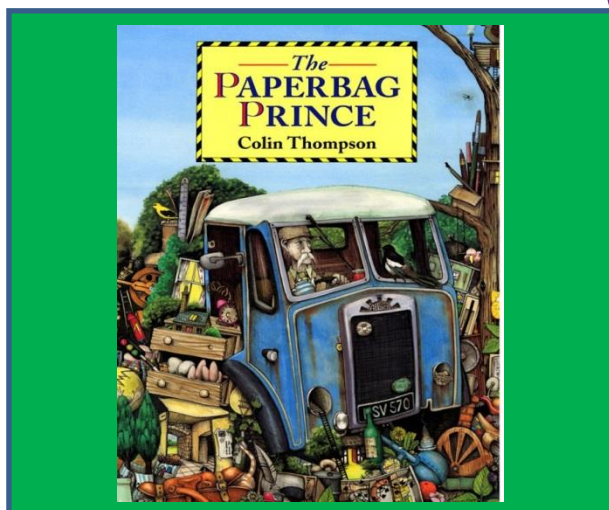
How to help your child at home:

- Help your child learn and practise their times tables.
- Develop their understanding of 4-digit numbers by identifying, ordering and comparing them.

Computing

Topic: Computer Hardware

Children will be exploring a variety of computer hardware. They will learn their names, functions and how they connect together to make the computer work.



Science

The children will identify how sounds are made. They will find patterns between pitch, sound and volume. They will be able to recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through the ear.

To help your child's understanding of sound, encourage your child to observe and name a variety of sources of sounds around the house

Geography

This half term, children will be exploring North and South America, focusing on environmental regions as well as key physical and human characteristics. To help your child's understanding, children can create their own research at home to help introduce them to the topic.

DT

Children will be designing and making a piece of furniture for *The Paperbag Prince*. They will be using a range of recyclable materials to create their product. **Please send in empty plastic water bottles, cereal boxes and any other recyclable materials that the children could use.**

PE

The children will be developing their attacking and defending skills in football. They will improve their balance, agility and co-ordination through a variety of small-sided team games and challenges. They will be introduced to Tag Rugby and learn how the different rules and strategies of the game.