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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – 2025 to 2026

Dear Parents,

Here at West Winch Primary School, we welcome and encourage the important link between home and school. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education. This letter is to inform you of the topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working through this year.

Core Subjects (English, Mathematics and Science)

English

Across both Reading and Writing, we will be looking at stories with a historical setting and as well as those from another culture. We will be studying stories, recounts and information texts based on our topics throughout the year. We will also be reading and writing poetry again linked to our topics.

Mathematics

Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using place value, partitioning, number sequences and known facts. We will be using formal written methods as well as informal jottings and quick mental recall strategies. We will also cover money and 'real life' problems (topic-related where possible), statistics using bar charts as well as shape, space and position. All timestables up to 12x12 will be practised.

This academic year, Year 4 pupils will again take The Government's compulsory multiplication check. This will happen in May/June of the summer term and you can support your child be practising at home. Speed of recall will be of great importance with children only given a few seconds for each answer. You will find the following websites useful:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://ttrockstars.com/> (especially 'Sound Check' mode)

Science

- Autumn Term:
 - Living things and their Habitats
 - States of Matter
- Spring Term:
 - Animals including Humans
- Summer Term:
 - Electricity
 - Sound

Class Topics

The main class topic that we will be covering until Christmas is the Campania region of Italy with a focus on finding similarities and differences between our region and theirs. In the Spring Term, we focus on the Ancient Greeks. Our final topics in the Summer Term, will be Romans.

We would love to borrow any artefacts linked to these topics. All items brought into school will be looked after and returned safely – but please name them!

R.E.

For the Autumn Term, Year 4 children will be learning about Christianity, food and fasting. In the Spring Term the focus will be Buddhism and Pilgrimages. Finally, the Summer Term the children will be learning about Sikhism and People of Faith.

Homework & Spellings

Homework is given as an extension to work in class and is used to reinforce and extend your child's knowledge and skills, as well as to inform you of the type of material already taught in that week. It is a very important part of their education, so please make time for your child to complete their home activities, supporting them as needed. Just to remind you that homework in Year 4 also involves reading with your child and times tables practice **(please record reading in the reading record in the usual manner)**.

Spellings are sent home on Wednesday afternoons. These should be handed back into school on the following Wednesday, with the front of the sheet fully completed, ready for the spelling test that day. It would be helpful if children could write a sentence for each word on the back of the sheet to develop their skills in using the words correctly. Maths or English homework will normally be set on Friday. This should be returned by the following Friday to be marked.

Outside Area

On Wednesday afternoons, Year 4 will have access to the outside area. I will inform you when we will be using it. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothes for the weather (including wet weather). Long sleeves and trousers are needed for nearly all activities and footwear should ideally be boots or wellington boots.

P.E.

PE for Year 4 is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. A full P.E. kit (as listed in the school prospectus) should be worn for these sessions and children should bring in their P.E. kit each week to change into. Please ensure that long hair is tied up and ear studs removed or taped over. Please also see the school prospectus regarding jewellery. Games sessions will be outside for as long as the weather permits.

Art/D.T.

Art or Design Technology is, more often than not, on a Monday and will usually be related to the main class topic. If you feel that your child would like to bring in their own overall or shirt, please feel free to send them in (clearly named!).

I hope you have found this letter useful. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me by email through the Year 4 page on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B. Williams
Year 4 Class Teacher

