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## Grade 4 Newsletter

November 2015

The monthly Curriculum Newsletter is to inform you about the up-coming teaching for November in Grade 4. It will indicate the topic, key ideas and how you can support the teaching and learning of your child from home. We have begun streaming for Maths and English to group the children, allowing for further personalisation of their learning. Please be aware that learning in class, homework, weekly tests (spelling/timetables) and other aspects of your child's learning will differ between each class and between pupils. This is so everything is tailored to the needs of your child to ensure maximum progress can be made throughout the year.

### **Parent and Teacher contact:**

The Grade 4 team look forward to meeting you during target setting evening which will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November.

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**Uniform:** We are aware that your child's birthday is a special occasion however they must still wear their full school uniform on this day and not their own clothes. Please be aware that if providing party food for the class, cakes and sweets should already be packed into a party bag for pupils to take home. No nuts please.

**Homework:** Spellings have now changed from a Monday to a Sunday, for classes 4A, 4B and 4C only, so as to not disrupt the flow of the English unit being taught that week. They will be sent home every Sunday to be tested the following Sunday. One piece of homework for each of Maths and English will be sent home every Sunday to be returned on a Wednesday. Every child now has a homework book and a homework folder. The folders should be handed in with the homework to ensure the homework sheets stay together. Can we please ask that you guide your children with the homework and not complete it for them. If they do not understand or do not have enough time to complete the homework please leave the teacher a note and they can review this with your child in school.

**Maths:** During November children will be developing their mathematical skills; by confidently multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. Following this, children will explore angles learning how to measure and compare various types of angles, in the same week the children will also look at converting between different units of measure. The children will then begin to study adding, subtracting and converting fractions to decimals, as well as finding fractions of numbers and shapes. Finally they will learn how to be able to recognise, compare, count in and add decimals.

**English:** The children will be studying the novel Charlie and the Chocolate factory over the next four weeks. The children will study the plot, characters and settings of the story before developing their own ideas. This technique will help them to create various types of fiction and non-fiction texts, including; story writing, diary entries and letters. Grammar rules and sentence structure will be taught

throughout the unit and these will be applied through extended writing. If you would like to help at home in this unit please could you purchase the story and read it with them or to them. The children could also watch the movie to get a visual representation of the story.

**Science:** The children will continue the in-depth study of Space. They will learn about day and night, seasons, phases of the moon and eclipses.

**Topic:** The children will continue studying their chosen European country. They will be looking at climate, culture, food, history and fashion. In addition to that they will be comparing these things to the UK and the UAE where possible.

**Golden Time:** Golden time is used as a reward system for the children on a Thursday afternoon. The time is used to enhance and encourage team work and social interaction. If children would like to, they will be allowed to bring in electronic tablets and other games that they can use during Golden Time.

**PE:** We would like to request that pupils come to school dressed in their PE kits and change into their Uniform after the lesson on days when they have PE. Please consult your child's time table for the days they have PE.

**Help at home:** Please read with your child every night and record progress in your child's organiser. For maths, especially during the converting measurements and fractions units, it is vital that your child knows their times tables. Please practice with them every night. A useful game for this can be found on <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

Thank you for your support and appreciation

The Grade 4 teachers