



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Dear parents and guardians,

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the progress meetings in January. If you were unable to attend the meetings please do contact your child's class teacher if there are any issues you would like to discuss. The teacher's names and email addresses are below.

Across 25th, 26th and 27th February the Grade 4 classes will have the opportunity to attend a school trip on 'Captain Tony's boat tour'. The trip has been planned to coincide with our science topic 'Living things and their habitats'. Children will have the opportunity to explore marine life and mangrove habitats for themselves. Letters with further details will be sent on 4/2/18. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries regarding the trip.

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Curriculum

English

We have recently finished our topic of 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about this mythical story and across the grade teachers have seen some fantastic quality work produced. We have made this a focus in the Grade 4 area and created a display to celebrate our wonderful work.

In English this month we will be focusing on non-fiction texts including explanation texts. Children will focus on how to identify the features, language and structure of an explanation text as well as planning, writing and publishing their own explanation text, explaining the life cycles of birds and mammals which links to our science topic of animals and humans.

Later on in the month we will be moving on to learn how to write a diary entry. We will be learning about the language and structure of a diary entry as well as planning, writing and publishing our own diary entries linked to our topic of 'The Victorians'.

We will be continuing with our weekly spelling test every Thursday. Please ensure you are supporting your child in practising their spellings each week. Spellings are an important part of children's learning, they should be practised and learnt so children can achieve better progress in their writing across the year.

Maths

In maths we will be focusing on measure. We will be learning how to convert between different units of metric measure including cm to mm and m, kg to g and l to ml.

You can support your child by helping them to practise and understand key vocabulary linked to measure such as litres, millilitres, centimetres etc. relating them to real life objects in the home.

Later on in February we will be moving on to learn multiples and factors of numbers, including factor pairs ($2 \times 5 = 10$, $1 \times 10 = 10$) recalling prime numbers up to 19 and learning how to identify prime numbers up to 100.

Children in Grade 4 are expected to know their times tables up to 12×12 . Please ensure you are supporting your child at home to practise their times tables. Ensure children are secure in 2x, 5x and 10x before moving onto 4x and 9x then 3x and 6x and finally 7x and 8x, 11x and 12x. Please see below for a list of useful maths websites which you can use at home to help children learn their times tables.

<https://komodomath.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-learning-times-tables>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<https://www.timestables.com>

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Science

In Science we will be completing our topic of 'Animals including humans' learning about how adults change when they reach the stage of old age. We will also be learning about why life expectancies of humans are different due to environmental and genetic factors. Finally we will learn about the physical differences between humans of the same age. We will be carrying out an investigation to explore the differences between height, shoe sizes and hand spans of our classmates.

Our next topic will be 'Living things and their habitats.'

Topic

In topic we will be continuing with our topic of 'The Victorians'. We have learnt a lot so far about Queen Victoria and her reign over the British Empire. We will be moving on to focus on what life was like in England during the reign of Queen Victoria. We will be exploring the differences in life style between the rich and poor and learning about education and schools during the Victorian times.

Moral Education

In Moral Education we are learning about 'helping and making a difference'. So far we have learnt about who helps us within our community and how we can help others both in and out of school. We will be learning about values (honesty, respect, integrity etc.) which help us to make a difference to the lives of others around us.

Homework and weekly spelling tests

Your child will receive homework every Sunday. Please return completed homework by Wednesday of each week. Homework is now being loaded onto Bric. Please ensure you log on and print the homework for your child. If you experience difficulty with this please contact your child's homeroom teacher or their teacher for Math or English who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support.

With kind regards,

The Grade 4 team.