



PUTTING THE FUN BACK
INTO LEARNING!

Dear parents and guardians,

We hope you enjoyed the winter break and your children are feeling refreshed and ready to continue their learning in term two. Please be informed that parents' evening will take place on Sunday 14th and 21st January from 4.30 to 7pm. We hope that you will be able to attend in order for us to discuss important aspects of your child's progress and learning and discuss any arising issues. You will also be able to collect your child's report on this evening.

The teacher's names and email addresses are below. Please contact your child's teacher via email to discuss any questions or issues you may have.

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Curriculum

English

In English we will be focusing on the non-fiction genre of recount writing. We will be planning, writing and editing our own recounts of the events of our winter break. Within our writing we will be using past tense, and conjunctives to join our sentences together such as; after that, meanwhile, later on as well as including adjectives and similes to add detail to our writing.

Later on in the month of January we will be focusing on the fiction genre of 'Myths' exploring the style, features and plots of different myth stories before moving on to plan and write a myth story using our own storyline and character ideas.

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 shape. We will be learning how to compare and classify 2d shapes based on their properties and size as well as how to identify 3d shapes from 2d shape representations and drawings.

We will also be focussing on negative numbers, learning how to count backwards through zero and how to solve multi-step problems involving negative numbers.

Children in grade 4 are expected to know their times tables up to 12x12. 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 continuing with our topic of Forces and Magnets. We will be learning about the forces of friction and air resistance. We will investigate how and when friction and air resistance occur, the effects of friction on moving objects and the impact air resistance has on moving objects. Later on in January we will be moving on to our new topic in Science called 'Animals including Humans'.

Topic

In topic we will be continuing with our topic of climate zones. We will be learning about different biomes around the world and the climate and weather of these biomes. We will be learning how different animals adapt to their living environments and the species of animals which can be found in the different biome areas of the world. We will also be learning about climate change. We will learn what climate change is, why it is happening, the effects it is having on our Earth and what we can do to prevent climate change.

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.