



Year 4 curriculum information Autumn term 2016

Dear Parents and Children,

I hope you are all as excited as we are about this year's new adventures that lie ahead. During our transition events at the end of the last school year we focused worked on developing our imagination skills in our 'What's through the door?' project. This is something we will continue to work on with our new text, Quest, this half term.

In literacy we will be looking at how to develop characters and description. We will focus on how varying sentence types and structures make our writing more exciting, allowing us to write some 'can't put it down' stories. Through text based learning we will be able to focus on our reading and comprehension skills too.

In numeracy we will initially be securing knowledge on place value and developing a good understanding of formal written calculations methods, as we progress through the term we will also begin to spend time looking at fractions and decimals. It is crucial your child knows their times tables up to 12 x 12 this year and we will be practicing ours in class using a child led activity known as precision teaching. We will be having weekly times table tests on a Friday afternoon – please try encourage regular practice at home to help them with this target. If your child already knows their timetables there is always room to development with working on corresponding division facts.

Our history and geography lessons will be based around work on the Anglo-Saxons and will involve atlas and compass work, village life, and Saxon art. Our history topic will link with our second chosen text in literacy and will involve a range of drama and debating opportunities to increase your children's confidence in reading their own work aloud and accepting others opinions.

PE will be on Wednesday and Friday mornings, please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days. We will be focusing on balance and movement in gymnastics on a Wednesday and competitive ball game skills on a Friday morning with Mr Maiden.

In science we will be looking at classifying and identifying living things, learning to use classification keys and developing our scientific vocabulary. This will involve activities such as a local wildlife hunt around the school grounds.

We will continue to learn Spanish as our Modern Foreign Language and will spend time developing our ability to listen to Spanish, ask and answer questions, develop appropriate pronunciation and broaden the children's Spanish vocabulary.

Over this term we will begin to make links with the year 4 class at Heaton Primary School as part of our School Linking Project and I will advise you of further details about this nearer the time.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please pop in and speak to me, Mrs Pheassy, Mrs Ingham, Mrs Churchyard or Mrs Dixon.

Thank you

Miss Scaife

Class Teacher