**CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER**

**YEAR 4**

**AUTUMN TERM 2017**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Please find below the units that your child will be learning this term.

**Maths**

**Number:** **Place Value**

* Partition and order 3/ 4 digit numbers.
* Placing numbers in ascending and descending order.
* Estimating and finding numbers on a number line.
* Rounding numbers to the nearest 10,100 and 1000
* Count backwards to include negative numbers.
* Continuing a sequence of numbers.
* Finding 100 more or less from any given number.
* Finding 1000 more or less
* Arithmetic: mental math’s and calculations

**Multiplications**

* Focusing on 3, 4, 6 and 7 times-tables.

**English**

**Writing/Reading**

* Poetry – Exploring features of poetry and structure. Performing poems.
* Narrative – Adventure Stories

**SPaG**

* Spelling – Rules and spelling list using ‘The Raintree program’
* Grammar: adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions, past and present tense, nouns (singular and plural), root words.

**Science**

**Animals and their habitats**

* Characteristics of living and non-living things.
* Classifying living and non-living things.
* Identifying a variety of living things in the local and wider environment.
* Classifying plants and animals based on their characteristics.
* Identifying vertebrates and invertebrates.
* Recognizing that environments change over time.

**Arabic Studies**

**All about me/ Telling the time:**

* Year 4 will cover the subject of introducing and describing ‘myself’. The aim now is to enable students to give extended answers to questions and have deeper conversations. Students will also learn how to use possessive nouns as well as revise rules on gender with Arabic nouns. In the second half of the term students will learn how to tell the time in Arabic. They will also cover times in the day and be able to make sentences using personal details about what one does during the day (specifying time).

**RE**

Key Beliefs: The children will learn the different stages of Hajj and its landmarks. They will gain a deeper understanding of how people pray and the reasons why they pray.

**PE**

Real P.E.

The children will be looking at the fundamental skills of handball, basketball, netball and gymnastics

**Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural**

* An ability to distinguish right from wrong, based on a knowledge of the moral codes and of their own and other cultures.
* Demonstrate an awareness to share views and opinions with others, and work towards consensus within cooperation in knowledge harvest activities.
* A sense of empathy and compassion with others when learning about ‘The Normans’ victory in Topic and ‘Living things’ in Science.

**Additional Information**

All children should have the school PE kit as this is part of their uniform. This **must** include trainers or plimsolls. Children are not allowed to do PE in their school shoes. PE kits need to be bought in on Monday and remain in school on their peg for the week.

**Homework**

* Homework will be given out on a Friday for it to be completed by the following Tuesday.
* Online homework from Conquer maths will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Tuesday.

Please encourage your child to set time everyday to complete the homework as if it is left to do the night before, it can be overwhelming for your child to complete in one go.

We hope you find this information useful and that you are able to use it to support your child’s learning at home.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 4 team