

Homework

Reading: After the success of our Reading Road reward scheme (that was introduced in some year groups last year), we are bringing in new rewards that we hope will appeal to even the most reluctant of readers. For every day that your child reads for at least 10 minutes at home, they will earn one “star stamp” in their reading record (up to 5 stamps per week). When they have collected 15 stamps, the stamps can be exchanged for a “15minutes extra playtime” token, which will allow them to join in with special play sessions throughout the term. We are hoping that this new approach will encourage the children’s love of reading, as well as helping them to get in the habit of updating their reading record daily.



If you could support your child by hearing or witnessing them reading and then signing their reading record, this will ensure that they get their stamps — and that all-important extra play!



Spelling: Children will use the school *Rainbow Spelling* cards to practise spellings suited to their own ability. They will have a short test as they complete each colour level and receive a certificate if they are successful. They can use their Spelling book at home and at school to use the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method. In addition, children will receive a list of spellings based on a rule they have been

learning.

Maths: A piece of number work or problem solving will be set online (MyMaths.co.uk) each Wednesday for the following Monday. Don’t forget to keep practising those times tables to x12 ready for Kung Fu Maths Test each Friday!



English/Cross-Curricular: Children can choose a task from the *Homework Wheel* each week. Homework books will be given out on Wednesdays and the task will be due in on Monday.

Important Reminders:

- Please ensure your child arrives between 8:40am and 8:50am.
- Please ensure swimming and PE kits are in school and named.
- Please remember to leave a message on the absence line if your child is not well enough to come to school.
- Please remember to send in a healthy snack for break as all of our learning makes us peckish! A piece of fruit is ideal.
- FINAL PLEA – If you have an old adult shirt, please send this in for art overalls.



Joy Lane Primary School Year 4 Newsletter Terms 1 & 2

Welcome to Year 4! This booklet gives a brief outline of our teaching and learning programme for Terms 1 and 2, as well as other key information that you may find useful.

Who’s Who in Year 4?

Heron Class

Mr Malkinson

Hockney Class

Miss Bell

Hepworth Class

**Mrs Crocombe
(Mon/Tues/ Wed)**

**Mrs Stanley
(Thursday / Friday)**

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Heald, Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Rennells, Mrs Marshall,
Ms Cater and Miss Roberts





Year 4 Learning Themes



English: In English, we will be using a range of hooks to engage the children in their writing. In Term 1, we will be writing disgusting recipes based on the narrative poem, *The Rascally Cake*. Then, we will be giving you a fright when we write spooky passages. In Term 2, our writing will be linked to our History unit: *Anglo-Saxons/Vikings*.



Knowledge of *Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation (VGP)* is taught regularly throughout the week. Spellings (from the National Curriculum guidelines) are taught and practised daily, with a list being sent home each week. In addition to this, children also take home Rainbow Spelling cards to learn independently. Revising these little and often is the key to becoming a really great speller! We love sharing a variety of books and enjoy reading together daily as well as hearing all about the books that you read at home.

Mathematics: In Maths, we will be covering a range of areas in Number, including place value in large numbers and written and mental methods for addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. In addition, we will be calculating area as part of our work on Measures.



Every day we will reinforce our arithmetic skills through games and whiteboard activities. Every Friday, the children will sit a timed test (suited to their ability) to attempt to complete the Kung Fu Times Tables chart.

Science:

Term 1: Materials

We will be exploring materials and categorising them into solid, liquids and gases whilst identifying how materials can change state.



Term 2: Feel the force!



We will be investigating forces and how they impact on everyday life through fun, practical activities. We will be looking for examples of mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears.

Music:

The children will experiment with rhythms and sounds of Africa and South America using drums.



Religious Education:

Terms 1 and 2: Judaism/Christianity comparisons



The children will compare the beliefs of these two religions and investigate their festivals and holy days, such as Yom Kippur and Christmas.



History:

Terms 1 and 2: The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England



The children will develop their understanding of chronology and order key historical events. They will discover how the Anglo-Saxons lived and then investigate how the Viking invasion changed their life in England.

PE:

Netball and Basketball will be our focus sports.



Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school everyday.



Swimming will be every week in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

Hepworth and Heron will swim on a Monday whilst Hockney will swim on a Tuesday.