

Year 4 Newsletter Summer Term 2024

Message from Mrs Payne, Mrs Verge and Miss Robinson – Hello Year 4! We hope that you all had a good Easter Holiday and that you are ready to do lots more learning. The topics that we will be covering are outlined below.

Mathematics

- round any number to the nearest 1000 and 100 and 10.
- read Roman numerals to 100 (I to C) and know that over time, the numeral system changed to include the concept of zero and place value.
- count fluently in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000
- count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.
- use factors and multiples to recognise equivalent fractions and simplify where appropriate (e.g., 6/9 = 2/3).
- recognise that hundredths arise when dividing tenths by ten.
- make connections between fractions of a length, of a shape and as a representation of one whole or set of quantities.
- fluently add or subtract fractions with the same denominator.
- recognise and write the decimal equivalents to any number of tenths or hundredths, as well as ¼, ½, ¾.
- round decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number. I can estimate the answer to a calculation and say whether my answer is likely.
- add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate with regrouping required once.
- recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.
- use my multiplication tables knowledge to calculate mentally with multiples of ten.
- recognise and use factor pairs for numbers to 50 and commutativity in mental calculations.
- write statement about the equality of expressions.

E.g. $37 \times 9 = 30 \times 9 + 7 \times 9(2 \times 3) \times 4 = 2 \times (3 \times 4)$ use the formal written method of short multiplication (3 digit by 1 digit and short division (3 digit \div 1 digit) with exact answers.

English

Texts and stories from other cultures

BOOK STUDY: The Ancient Egyptian Sleepover Grammar, Punctuation &

Spelling:

- · Use speech punctuation, commas and apostrophes in my writing
- use and apply each of the spelling rules within my writing
- locate words which are often misspelt in my own and others' writing

Writing:

- compose and rehearse sentences orally improving them through a range of varied and rich vocabulary and range of sentence structures.
- organise my writing in paragraphs around a theme.
- use the features of non-narrative material.
- create settings, characters and plot in narrative writing
- write in a variety of genre

Reading:

Explore and Analyse:

- compare the structure of different stories to discover how they differ in pace, build up, sequence, complication and resolution.
- discuss key themes in what I have read e.g. triumph of good over evil/revenge
- discuss how and why the text affects the reader and refer back to the text to back up a point of view

Deduce and Infer:

- work out the meaning of unknown words from the way they are used in context.
- discuss messages, moods, feelings and attitudes using the clues from the text, by means of inference and deduction skills.
 refer to the text to support opinions and elaborate (sum up what I have found/ discussed/thought about; make a point/state my thoughts and ideas; find evidence in and/or around the text to support my views; clarify my thinking by elaborating on and justifying my views, using additional evidence and linking to wider knowledge/experiences).

PSHE

Recognising others' feelings, good times & Celebrations

PE



Swimming

DE

Why are festivals important to religious communities?

PE Athletics



HISTORY



Ancient Egypt

MUSIC
Ancient Worlds

ART
Egyptian painting



SCIENCE States of matter



COMPUTING Digital Media
Photo story

FRENCH

Body partsWeather

• In the classroom



SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

We appreciate the support that you give your child at home. Learning Logs are designed to support in-class learning and to be accessed by all the children at their own level, so everyone is expected to "do their best". Children may choose from a menu of tasks and should complete at least 4 tasks in a term. In addition, Spellings are sent home weekly and may focus on the statutory word list (see below), children's individual needs and topic-related words. Weekly practice can also be supported by using spelling shed. Times Tables are essential to supporting your children's maths lessons so all practise is a good thing, again I would encourage practice via the Times Tables Rockstars website. In particular the Soundcheck game is the most similar the Year 4 multiplication check and the Garage game will give you a heat mat of the times tables your child still needs to practise.

	Spellings Test	PE Learning Logs Due In!		PE
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
calendar		minute		woman/women
continue		mention		weight ,
consider		medicine	purpose	various
complete	fruit	material	promise	through
circle	forward(s)	library	probably	thought
certain	February	length	pressure	though/although
century	favourite	learn	potatoes	therefore
centre	famous	knowledge	possible	surprise
caught	extreme	island	possess(ion)	suppose
busy/business	experiment	interest	position	strength
build	experience	important	popular	strange
breathe	exercise	increase	perhaps	straight
breath	enough	imagine	peculiar	special
bicycle	eight/eighth	history	particular	separate
believe	earth	height	ordinary	sentence
arrive	early	heart	opposite	remember
appear	disappear	heard	often	reign
answer	difficult	guide	occasion(ally)	regular
address	different	guard	notice	recent
actual(ly)	describe	group	naughty	question
accident(ally)	decide	grammar	natural	quarter

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Please record your child's reading at home in their contact book. Reading is a key skill and should be undertaken ideally each evening, there is an expectation that children read at least 4 times weekly and that this is recorded in the contact book.
- If you have any concerns or wish to discuss any aspect of your child's day, please do not hesitate to write a note in your child's contact book or to email yearfour@high-firs.kent.sch.uk
- Please would you check all items of your child's clothing are labelled with their name.
- Any money sent into school should be in a named envelope please.