



## Year 4 Curriculum

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Autumn term in Year 4. The children have all settled into Year 4. We are excited for the term ahead and have lots of fantastic learning opportunities planned for the children.

#### History

This term we will be learning about the Romans and exploring how life changed for people during this significant time in history. We will learn about some of the Roman discoveries and inventions still have an impact on how we live our lives now.



#### Writing

For the first half term we will be recapping on many of the Year 3 skills such as using basic punctuation and extending sentences through vocabulary choices and use of conjunctions. As the term progresses, we will develop the children's skills further building on this knowledge. We continue to ensure children are thinking about their handwriting and presentation skills. A range of text types will be used throughout the term to ensure children have the chance to use their imaginations and share their knowledge. Across the school we are all using the 5 step writing process which the children are finding clear and useful.

Step 1: Pre-Learning and Hook - getting the children interested and engaged.

Step 2: Planning

Step 3: Drafting and crafting

Step 4: Feedback and editing

Step 5: Publishing



#### Reading

We read to the children daily as part of our reading pledge. This is to enthuse the love of reading amongst the children. Year 4 are currently reading 'Roman Diary, The Journal of Iliona' and 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter'. We ask that children read at home at least 3 times a week to support the development of reading. As well

as reading the words, it would be great to talk about what has been read together to check their understanding. We also have daily reading sessions where we are supporting children to develop their vocabulary, comprehension and inference skills. Across the school we are promoting reading in all lessons. We encourage children to bring in their reading book each day as they may be listened to read. .

### **Maths**

In maths this year we will continue to develop our arithmetic skills and speed in recalling times tables and division facts. Please practice all the times tables up to 12 x 12 at home with your child but the ones children need to practice the most are the 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables. During the summer term the children will complete a times table screening check. This year the children will continue to work on embedding and deepening their knowledge of the number system and operations. This will include understanding the place value of 4 digit numbers as well as solving more complex addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. Please regularly use TTRockstars to increase your child's confidence and pace when answering multiplication and inverse questions

### **Science**

In science, children are learning about animals and living things. Children will learn about the digestive system, teeth, food chains and the food web.

### **PE and Music**

PE and Music will be taught on Monday mornings by our PE coach, Mrs Coleman, and a visiting music teacher who will be teaching the children to play ukuleles. The children need to come to school in their PE kit every Monday. Please make sure your child wears trainers or other shoes suitable for playing sports. Children may wear tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a sweatshirt.

### **ICT and French**

Mrs Garn, our school Technician, will teach ICT. She will be teaching the children about Internet safety so please discuss the ways to stay safe online with your child at home too. In French, children will spend time revising vocabulary from Year 3 and become more confident conversing with each other.

### **Spelling and Vocabulary**

We have a set of 15 words that will be a daily focus over 2 weeks. We learn about spelling rules, use our phonics and letter knowledge to help us break words into sounds and syllables and learn the words' meanings.

### **Art**

Friday afternoon will be dedicated to Art to allow the children time to relax. We will be exploring colours with paint by mixing primary, secondary and tertiary colours, and studying the work of Mondrian.

## Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform; if you have any issues please contact your class teacher who will be happy to support. We will be keeping windows and doors open to allow for good ventilation, so as the weather is now starting to get much cooler, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately.



## Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly on a Wednesday and be expected back the following Monday. Each week, as part of their homework, children will be expected to read at home at least 3 times a week and practice their times tables at least 3 times a week. All children will have a log in to TTRockstars which can be used for times tables practice at home.

## Contact

If you wish to contact your child's class teacher please use Class Dojo or this email:

[year4@leightonprimary.net](mailto:year4@leightonprimary.net) or in the case of an emergency contact the school office: 01733 232949.

**Dates for your diary (all subject to change) - More details about these events will follow via emails and letters.**

- 22nd September - Sports day
- 26th September - European day of languages (Year 4 - Italy/Italian)
  - 29th September - McMillian Coffee and Cake Event
- 4th October Year 4 Family Cafe and Multiplication Times Tables Check morning
  - 6th October - Bedtime reading event
    - 18th October - Family Cafe
  - 4th November Year 4 Swimming starts
  - 20th December - last day of term 3.15-4.15