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*'Through God's love,
 we strive to be the best we can be'.*

Curriculum Information Summer 1 – Year 4

Literacy	<p>Children will be writing a variety of text based on our focus book: <i>Oliver and the Seawigs</i> by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre.</p> <p>We will be writing a character description, creating an instruction leaflet, composing a chant, writing a poem and drafting a diary entry. We will be improving our dictionary and thesaurus skills during the topic to expand their vocabulary knowledge.</p> <p>Spelling, grammar and punctuation will continue to be taught throughout the term.</p>
Maths	<p>We will continue to focus on the key skills of understanding place value, adding and subtracting, increasing our instant recall of times tables. Every week we will be focusing on one of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and Division • Whole Numbers • Decimals • Fractions • Tables and Line Graphs • Measures – Capacity
Science	<p>Animals including Humans: Food chains will be used and constructed identifying producers, predators and prey with an understanding that these may alter depending on the habitat of the animals and that adaptation also plays a part. Children will learn about the different types of teeth, and understand the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.</p> <p>States of Matter: Children will be learning to group materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will observe that some materials can change state when heated or cooled, measure and research the temperature at which this happens in Celsius. Identify the role of evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate rate of evaporation with temperature.</p>
Music	<p>We will be continuing to develop our skills on the ukulele as we learn to move between chords in order to play a range of pieces.</p>
PE	<p>This term our topic is Athletics, we will be improving our sprinting, jumping and throwing technique in preparation for Sports Day.</p>

RE	Our focus for this half-term is Islam. Children will be learning about the importance of the Qur'an and how it is treated by Muslims.
PHSCE - Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education	Our topic for this half-term is relationships. The theme is about recognising our similarities and differences, working cooperatively and challenging prejudice.
Spanish	We will be learning about the daily routines, time and some personal information with Señor Enric.

PE

Your child's PE days are Monday and Wednesday.

Monday is swimming. All children need to bring a swimming kit.

Wednesday is the children's session with Mr Clark so your child will need their PE kit on this day.

How can you help at home?

Homework

Homework will be handed out on Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. Please continue to support your child learn their spellings and times tables at home. It would be useful to support your child in being able to tell the time (to the nearest minute) on 12-hour analogue clock and digital clock, and to give your child the opportunity to use money (counting change etc). This needs constant revisiting.

Reading

We expect that your child reads everyday for at least 20 minutes and that you sign your child's reading log to say that they have done this. Please discuss the plot, characters and the meaning of any unfamiliar words with your child. This helps them to develop comprehension skills.

Remember to reread the whole sentence again once a tricky word has been solved. This helps to develop fluency in reading.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Hsieh and Mr Clark