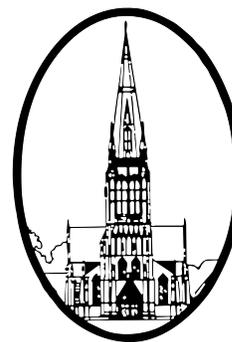


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be
 the best we can be.'*

Thursday 5th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a lovely summer holiday. I am really looking forward to working with your children this year. My name is Mr Clark and I shall be teaching year 4 with Miss Crookes supporting the class.

Your child's topic this half term will be

States of Matter

Focus: Science

Year 4 will be starting their new topic this week. During the States of Matter topic, the children will be identifying, comparing and grouping solids, liquids and gases as well as investigate how materials can change state. In this topic children will also learn about the water cycle.

Here is an overview of the topics that will be covered in the other curriculum areas.

Literacy	<p>The first book we will be reading is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes</p> <p>The children will be learning how to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Predict - Debate - Write character and setting descriptions - Write diary entries and stories - Write newspaper reports <p>Spelling, grammar and punctuation will continue to be taught throughout the term.</p>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers to 4 digits • Whole Numbers • Addition & Subtraction • Multiplication and Division • Fractions • Measures – length
PE	<p>Team games</p> <p>Swimming</p>
PHSCE	<p>New beginnings</p>
RE	<p>How does belief in God affect the actions of people in the Old Testament?</p>

Spanish	Communication skills
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PE

Your child's PE days are **Monday** and **Thursday**.

Monday is swimming day. Your child **MUST** have a swimming hat as well as a costume.

All children need to bring swimming kits and a towel. It is a very important survival skill and a part of the National Curriculum. Unless there is a serious medical reason that school is aware of, children are not exempt from swimming.

Wednesday is the children's second PE session. Please ensure your child comes to school with their full PE kit.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday and returned the following Thursday.

Reading

We expect that your child reads on a daily basis for 10 – 20 minutes and that you sign your child's reading log every day to say that they have done this. Please can you discuss the plot and characters as well as the meaning of new words the children read. This will help to develop comprehension skills. Please remember to reread the whole sentence once a tricky word has been solved. This helps to develop fluency.

Times Tables

By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of their times tables (1 -12) off by heart and their related division facts.

For example:

$$2 \times 5 = 10$$

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

$$10 \text{ divided by } 2 = 5$$

$$10 \text{ divided by } 5 = 2$$

Please ensure your child practises these times tables on a daily basis as part of their homework routine.

Drinking water and Fruit

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure your child has a **named** water bottle in school. Children are also encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break time.

Finally, I would just like to remind you that the school gates open at 8.50am each morning and that your child should be settled in class by 9am when learning starts. Please remember that the school day ends at 3.30pm and that children must be collected on time. It is important that staff are able to prepare lessons and attend staff meetings directly after school; therefore parents of children that are collected late will be fined £10.

I look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be a successful school term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and talk to me in the playground after school or make an appointment with me at the school office.

Yours Sincerely,
Mr Clark and Miss Crookes