

Year 4 - Term 2



Dear Parents/Guardians,

What an amazing start to the year! In term 1, the children worked extremely hard and produced some great pieces of work. We are very excited to see their continued positive attitude this term.

Curriculum Overview for Year 4

Our topic for this term will be 'Titanic and a 'Christmas' topic to finish off. Throughout the topic, the children will be learning lots of facts about the Titanic such as who built it, the different classes involved, the route it planned to take and how it sank. The children will be using historical, geographical and artistic skills throughout the learning journey.

As Christmas is fast approaching, we have planned the last few days of the term around the topic of Christmas. Although we aren't giving the name of the book away, we promise Year 4 will be learning about the Christmas celebration and will have a festive and enjoyable experience.

Our work in English for the first few weeks of this term is going to be based around our learning journey. The children will be immersed in descriptive writing and report writing this term. To prepare and develop our writing, we will continue to have regular Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) lessons.

In Mathematics, we will be focusing on column addition, subtraction and place value. The children will be able to use their conceptual understanding of place value, which they learnt in term 1, to help with the new concepts. We will be working extremely hard on our times tables and we ask that you work on these at home with your child as they form an integral part of accessing the maths curriculum. Remember that all children have access to Times Table Rockstar. Times tables will be tested weekly in our 'Monkey Maths' lessons.

Every Monday, the children will have regular recorder sessions.

Expectations

We ask for your support in completing regular home learning with your children and ask that you hear your child read at least four times a week and log their reading in their contact books. We are grateful for your continued support in hearing your children read and ensuring that they continue to bring their contact books and books to school.

The children will now be learning a new spelling rule each week to help learn their spellings. Each week a new list of spellings will be sent home; these will focus on a particular spelling rule.

P.E.

P.E. this term will be every alternate Friday afternoon, so please ensure that your child has their full P.E. kit at school on this day. All clothing and P.E. kit should be named. For P.E., earrings must be removed for health and safety reasons.

If you have any queries regarding this newsletter, please do not hesitate to discuss these with us.

Your continued support is very much valued. We all want the Year 4 children to have a very productive, successful and enjoyable year at Hoo St Werburgh Primary School.

Thank you,

Mr Millard and Miss Bassett - Year 4 Teachers.