

Reading

It is an expectation that your child is reading for 10-20 minutes each day.

It is most important that your child reads EVERY DAY.

Reading every day gives children the much needed opportunity to practise reading with fluency and expression. It is also important to ask them lots of questions after reading so they develop their comprehension skill, especially with regards to inference or 'reading between the lines.'



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly, via the school office or the home diary.



Trips

During the term there will be class trips to enrich and support the work your child is doing in class. If you can come with us on any school trip this is greatly appreciated.



It is lovely to have parents/carers with us and I know it adds a boost to your child's day too.



If you would like to volunteer to come on a trip please tick the box on the permission slip, or speak directly to me.



Useful Websites:

These will be used to support and extend your child's learning:

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.history.org.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/history

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11



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Year 4 Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 —2016

Cerise—Gemma, Jamila

Fuchsia—Laura, Debra, Deborah

Welcome back!

We have a very exciting first term ahead of us packed with lots of creative activities.

If you would like to speak to either Gemma or Laura, or if you wish to make an appointment please let us know.

This half term our topic is:

On Tap We will be learning about



The Water Cycle and States of Matter

Homework

Homework will be given out on Friday to be done by Wednesday. This will include 10 spellings to be learnt for a test during the week.

We will endeavour to create homework that allows children to reinforce prior learning and practice skills that are being taught that week at school. This gives the children the chance to consolidate what they have learned.

Home readers

Home readers will be changed weekly according to the class rota. Please ask us if you are not sure of your child's book change day.

Reading logs are for recording details of what they are reading and it would be most appreciated if you can support in filling them out.

PE



P.E will take place on **Tuesday** afternoon.

It is essential that your child has their kit each week. A note will be sent home if your child does not have the correct PE kit. For reasons of Health and Safety, pupils will not be able to participate in PE lessons if they do not have their full PE kit.

Geography

- Our Geography Topic is: **Rivers**

Children will learn to;

- use an atlas to find out information
- to name and locate the major rivers of the UK and of the world
- identify the continents and the oceans
- name the parts of a river
- understand the journey of a river
- know the meaning of vocabulary related to rivers
- use this vocabulary to explain observations
- research and create a fact file on different rivers of the world.



Literacy

We will be learning to

- Read, write and perform Poetry
- Write reports
- Write our own Myths focussing on developing character descriptions.



We will continue to develop our knowledge of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Numeracy

We will be learning about:

- Number and place value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Measurement—Time
- Multiplication and Division



Children should continue to practice their times tables up 12.



Science

Our Science topic is: **The Water Cycle and States of Matter**

Children will learn;

- to know the states in which water exist
- to know that the process by which a substance changes from a liquid to a gas is called evaporation
- to identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.
- to carry out safe investigations
- to recognise fair testing

