



**Heathland
School**

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! The children have come back to school with great positivity and enthusiasm. They look very smart in their school uniform and are ready to continue with their learning journey in Yr 4. Please ensure that all uniform is labelled so that it can be identified and returned quickly if it is misplaced.

Year 4s have PE on Tuesdays (outdoor) and Wednesdays (indoor). PE is part of the National Curriculum so the children must come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days. The correct PE kit is: navy-blue shorts, white t-shirt, plimsolls/trainers. Tracksuit bottoms and a fleece or sweatshirt can be worn outside as the weather gets colder. These should preferably be navy-blue. A reminder that no jewellery should be worn on PE days for health and safety reasons.

Home learning will be set every week on a Friday and will be due in on the following Tuesday. Home learning is an important part of a child's learning. Therefore, it is essential to establish a routine with completing each part of the home learning activities; please ensure that it is completed on time and as well as possible. The activities set encourage the children to challenge themselves, and are all linked to their class learning. Included in the home learning will be a set of spellings. Please encourage your children to learn the spelling patterns. Children should read daily with an adult for at least 10 minutes. Pupils will be encouraged to borrow books from the school and class library which should be returned when finished.

It is essential that children bring in a labelled water bottle every day. Children can bring in a piece of fruit or something healthy to eat at playtime.

We have some exciting learning planned for the children. Our Topic learning for this half term is "How do extreme natural events occur?" where children will be exploring natural events like flooding, earthquakes and volcanoes. We will also be learning about the purpose of teeth and how we care for them. In Maths, we will start with place value of numbers, using recall, learn, apply and reason. Children will solve problems and justify their reasoning. Learning times tables up to 12x12 will be encouraged throughout the year. It is important that children practise the times tables at home. Our focus in English will be looking at sentence structure, punctuation, grammar, vocabulary and spellings leading to the children writing in a variety of genres including character profiles, writing a narrative and creating a comic. We will continue learning about mindfulness through our Mind Up learning. We promote positive mental health and encourage everyone in Year 4 to talk openly about how they are feeling.

We look forward to working with you throughout the year. Please contact the school if you have any queries and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

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