

# **Emmbrook Junior School**



## **Curriculum Bulletin Year 4**

**Autumn Term 2016**

## Year Group News

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you and your families have had an enjoyable summer holiday. We are excited to be back in school and welcome Mr Soares to our team. Mr. Soares joins us from Portugal and we know he will enjoy teaching in our friendly school.

To start our time in Year 4, we will be launching into our topic called 'Our Wonderful World'. In this topic, we will be learning about the Roman Empire and the impact it had in Britain, evidence of which is still seen around us in our world today. We will also be exploring the habitats of living things and learning about animals, including humans in our science work. Our artwork will reflect our studies of Roman mosaics which we will be attempting to replicate using collage.

Later in the term we will be shifting our focus towards our Year 4 Christmas production. Thank you in advance for your help with the learning of lines, memorizing of songs and creation of costumes!

If you have any questions or queries please contact us, we are always happy to help.

**Mrs. Stimpson, Mr. Soares and the Year 4 team**

## Curriculum Information

This is the work we will cover in each curriculum area this term.

We hope that this information will enable you to give support to your child. You could use the information in a variety of ways:

- As a basis for discussion about school and work.
- To borrow from the library/or buy appropriate books.
- To look out for suitable television or radio programmes and videos.
- To look out for suitable newspaper and magazine articles.
- To help your child find suitable information in encyclopedias and from the internet.



# First Half Term

## Our Wonderful World



### Maths

Number and place value  
Geometry - shape  
Addition  
Measure - converting units and money

### English

Stories with historical settings and from other cultures



### History

The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain

### Science

Living things and their habitats



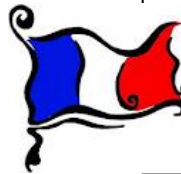
### Geography

Locational knowledge - countries in Europe



### French

Letters and sounds  
Nouns and colours



### PE

Gymnastics  
Circuits  
Football



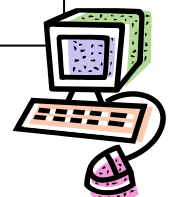
### RE

Judaism  
How special is the relationship Jews have with God?



### Computing

Communicating and collaborating



### Music

Poetry  
Environment  
Around the World



# Second Half Term

## Our Wonderful World

### English

Recounts - newspapers  
Poems on a theme and  
performance



### Maths

Subtraction  
Fractions  
Statistics - interpreting  
and presenting data

### PE

Gymnastics  
Tag rugby  
Netball

### Science

Animals,  
including humans

### Design and Technology

Textiles - designing  
and making Roman  
sandals

### Geography

Physical geography -  
earthquakes  
Geographical skills and  
field work



### RE

Does participating  
in worship help  
people to feel closer  
to God or their  
community?



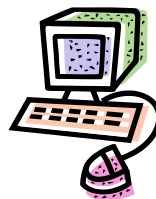
### French

Animals  
Parts of the body



### Computing

Programming and  
coding



### Art

Collage -  
Roman mosaics



### Music

Communication  
Italian music  
Performance



## Reminders

### SPELLINGS



- The school uses the Ruth Miskin Read, Write Inc. scheme. Spelling sessions take place on four days a week for 30 minutes in the afternoons. All children will bring home spellings on a weekly basis unless the school has informed parents otherwise. Year 4 will bring spellings home on a **Friday**. If you have any problems regarding spellings, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

### READING



- It is really important that children read at home to an adult at least five times a week to ensure they make good progress and earn their Reading Reward time. Each child will have 2 books that they will bring home each day in their reading folder. One book will be from the Emmbrook Scheme (colours, independent reader or general fiction) and one will be from the KS2 Oxford Reading Tree Scheme. Children will have the opportunity to change their Emmbrook Scheme book on a daily basis. The Oxford Reading Tree Scheme books for Year 4 will be changed on:

### **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

Please sign your child's Reading Record to show that they have read to an adult. Books will only be changed if 'finished' is written by the last entry for the book.

### KNOWING NUMBER FACTS



- This term, we will be continuing with the weekly 'Knowing Number Facts' tests. Children are given a set of number facts to learn each week and their attainment is recorded on a class chart. Please support the children in learning these at home. New facts will be issued on Friday for testing the following Thursday.

## HOME LEARNING



- Children will be set a MyMaths task and reading comprehension activity each **Thursday** for homework. Please sign your child's homework feedback sheet in the front of their homework book and comments are welcomed. Later in the term, the children will also be receiving their Topic Grid.

## COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND TEACHERS

There are a number of ways in which you can communicate with your child's teacher. These include:

- Face to face meeting on the playground at the end of the school day.
- Appointment made by contacting the school office.
- Comment in reading record
- Comment in homework planner (year 6)
- Comment on parent feedback sheet in homework book
- Emailing the teacher (teacher's email addresses are available on the school learning platform)

**Please note, urgent information must always be telephoned to the school office.**

## LIBRARY BOOKS (Non-Fiction)



- Children are allowed to select their own book although advice is given if a book seems unsuitable. Please encourage your child to look after their library book. There will be a charge if the book is lost.

## PENCIL CASES



- In each classroom, essential stationery is provided for the use of pupils. We therefore ask that pencil cases brought in from home are small enough to fit into your child's tray for easy storage and that they contain only a spare pencil, handwriting pen, rubber and sharpener.

## WATER BOTTLES



- Children are expected to bring a small, named bottle of water into school. However, we must stress this can be water only and any bottles must be taken home daily for reasons of hygiene. Please bring in the filled bottle each morning.

## P.E. KIT



- Fully labelled kit must be brought into school in a suitably named bag on a Monday. It will then be left in school all week and taken home on a Friday for washing. Year 4 PE slots are on **Monday** and **Thursday** afternoons. Children should have their kit in school every day as there may be additional PE slots during the week.

## Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term

### September

- 20<sup>th</sup> - Photographs
- w/c 26<sup>th</sup> - Clubs Start
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Sharing Assembly re Manor 9:00am

### October

- w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> - Book Week
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dress as a book character
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Curriculum Evening 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> - 4 Pine Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 14<sup>th</sup> - 5 Cedar Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Assembly (children only) 9:00am
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Inset Day (children not in school)
- w/c 24<sup>th</sup> - HALF TERM

### November

- 11<sup>th</sup> - 4 Maple Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 5 Elm Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Children In Need
- w/c 28<sup>th</sup> - Clubs Finish
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Evening Sharing Assembly 6:00pm

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9:30am – 10:30am
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 to see Infant Production
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Xmas Production Dress Rehearsal to Years 3, 5 & 6 at 2:00pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Xmas Production Dress Rehearsal to Infant School at 2:00pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> - PTA Xmas Fair
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Xmas Production to Parents at 6:00pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Xmas Production to Parents at 6:00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Xmas Lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Term, School Finishes at 2:00pm

