

Emmbrook Junior School



Curriculum Bulletin Year 4

Spring Term 2017

Year Group News

Welcome to Year 4!

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the spring term! We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holiday. We would like to thank you for your generous presents and cards – these were very much enjoyed and appreciated.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Wickens to our school. She will be teaching 4 Maple on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs McAllister will be teaching the class on Thursdays and Fridays.

Our topic for this term is called 'Groovy Greeks'. We will be learning about life in Ancient Greece and reading Greek myths before writing our own in our first English unit. We will also be looking up states of matter and animals, including humans, in science. In other topic work, we will be learning about the water cycle, block printing and cooking Greek food.

Mrs McAllister, Mrs Stimpson, Miss Wickens 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

Groovy Greeks



Maths

Place value
Geometry - angles
Multiplication

English

Myths
Issues & dilemmas



History

Ancient Greece



French
Animals
Colours

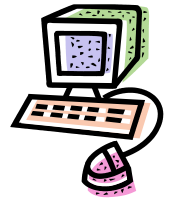


Science

Animals, including humans

Computing

Programming/
coding
Music & sound



RE

Do people need to go
to church to show
they are Christians?



Geography

Water supply
& the water
cycle

PSHE

Living in the
wider world



Music

Sounds
Food & drink



PE

Dance
Basketball

Second Half Term

Groovy Greeks



English

Non-chronological reports
Poems on a theme
Explanation texts

Maths

Measure - area
& perimeter
Division
Fractions & decimals



PE

Dance
Hockey
Badminton



Science

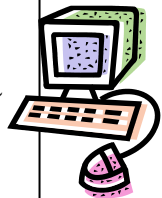
States of matter

Design & Technology
Cooking



Computing

Digital exploration
Digital imagery



Art

Printing



Geography

Geographical skills & field work

French
Months
Numbers
Dates
Adjectives



PSHE

Health and well-being



Music

Ancient Worlds
Greek music

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 for testing the following week.

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 website)

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 Spring Term

January

- w/c 9th - Clubs start
- 19th - Caterlink Tasting Session for Parents 3:00pm
- 20th - Year 5 Joint Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 23rd - Meet the Teacher 4 Maple/Year 6 SATs Evening
- 27th - 6 Beech Sharing Assembly 9:00am

February

- 3rd - 3 Ash Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 10th - Grandparents Day (morning)
- 10th - PTA Junior Disco
- w/c 13th - HALF TERM
- 24th - 6 Fir Sharing Assembly

March

- 2nd - World Book Day – child to dress as a book character
- 3rd - 4 Pine Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 10th - 3 Larch Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 16th - Year 5 Production: dress rehearsal Years 3, 4 & 6 2:00pm
- 17th - 4 Maple Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 17th - Year 5 Production: dress rehearsal to Infant School 2:00pm
- 17th - PTA Quiz Night
- 20th - Year 5 Production to Parents 6:00pm
- 21st - Year 5 Production to Parents 6:00pm
- 24th - Red Nose Day
- w/c 27th - Clubs Finish
- 28th - Parents Evening: 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 29th - Parents Evening: 3:30pm – 6:00pm
- 31st - Last Day of Term: school finishes at 2:00pm

April

- 3rd – 17th - Easter Break
- 18th - First Day of Summer Term

