

# Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 4 Autumn 1 - 2017

## Homework

### Homework

- Homework will be given out on **Friday** and is to be returned by **Thursday** at the latest.

### Reading Books

- Reading books will be changed and sent home three times a week on **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday**.
- Please comment in your child's reading log book.

### Spellings

- Spellings will be sent home once the children have settled into their new *Read Write Inc* spelling curriculum.

### PE

- PE will take place on alternate **Wednesdays** and **every Friday**.
- Please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit in school.

## Diary Dates

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - Individual, sibling and family photographs
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** - 9am Key Stage 2 *Read, Write, Inc.* spelling meeting
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** - Science Trip to Ness Gardens
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** - 9am 'Worship With Us' - parents invited to stay for class collective worship
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Experience Harvest
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - 2.30pm Homework Workshop
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - School closes for half term
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** - School reopens

## Ways to help your child

- Allow enough time for your child to complete their homework.
- Provide a calm and quiet area for your child to complete homework.
- Encourage your child to visit the library or read a book of their choice.
- Support your child with frequent opportunities to practise spellings.

## Useful Websites

### Maths

- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- <http://nrich.maths.org>
- [www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/search/index.htm](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/search/index.htm)
- <http://www.mad4maths.com/>

### English

- [http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling\\_grammar/punctuation/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/punctuation/read/1/)

### Science

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science>
- [www.crickweb.co.uk](http://www.crickweb.co.uk)
- [www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/search/index.htm](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/search/index.htm)

### Topi

- <http://www.weatherforkids.org/climate.html>
- <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/learning/weather-for-kids>
- <https://eo.ucar.edu/kids/green/what1.htm>

### Rghts/ Values

- [www.unicef.org/crc](http://www.unicef.org/crc)



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## English

### Overview

The children will be reading the book, Varjak Paw by SF Said.

### Skills

- Explore: narrative, plot, settings, characters and draw inference to aid understanding.
- Empathise with characters and explore their dilemmas.
- Learn about apostrophes to mark singular and plural possession (eg the girl's name, the girls' names).
- Look at pronouns and possessive pronouns.
- Develop a secure understanding of graphemes and spelling rules using our new spelling scheme.

## Science

### Overview

The children will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats.

### Skills

- Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.
- Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.
- Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

## History and Geography

### Geography

#### Is Climate Cool?

### Overview

Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle.

### Key Questions

The children will be learning through an enquiry based approach answering the following questions:

- What is the difference between weather and climate?
- Is the earth getting warmer?
- How are hot countries affected by climate change?
- How are cold countries affected by climate change?
- Who is responsible for climate change?
- How will we cope in the future?

## Parents & Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Here is an overview of what your child is learning this half term.

If there is anything you are unsure about PLEASE come and speak to the class teacher. We are more than happy to help.

## Mathematics

### Overview

The children will be looking at place value and addition and subtraction.

### Skills

- Read, write and order up to 4 digit numbers.
- Partition 4 digit numbers in different ways.
- Round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.
- Use written column methods to add and subtract up to 4 digit numbers.
- Consolidate and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 multiplication tables.



## Computing

- Use technology safely, responsibly and respectfully.
- Use search technologies effectively.
- Appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content