

Brookland Junior School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023



'Kind, Respectful, Best'

Guided Reading

This term for Guided Reading we will be focussing on the following texts:

- Charlotte's Web
- Iron Man
- Harry Potter



Handwriting

Children are encouraged to write in joined handwriting, this will be practised at least twice a week.

Writing

This term for English we will be focussing on the following texts:

- The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse
- Arthur and the Golden Rope
- The King who banned the dark.
- Poetry – Overheard on a Saltmarsh and A small dragon
- Biscuit Bear
- Amazon River
- Iron Man



Maths

During this term, Year 4 will be covering a range of topics including:

- Position and direction
- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Rounding
- $3/6/9 \times$ table
- X by 1 + 0, divide 1 by itself
- Angles and triangles
- Time

To improve your child's confidence, they will benefit from home practise of:

- Telling the time
- Knowing their tables up to 12×12 . (This is vital to help them in the times table test that will take place in year 4) Please use Times Table Rock stars for this.
- Basic mental and arithmetic practise.

Science

The children will be creating electrical circuits. They will be exploring the components to a circuit and being safe around electricity. Also, they will be working on the three states of matter.



Geography

Our first topic this term in **Geography** will be on the rainforest. The children will be locating the world's rainforests on a map and know their position in relation to the Equator and the tropics of cancer and Capricorn.

History

Our topic will be 'The Ancient Greeks'. This will include learning about the legacy the Greeks left on modern British society.



Religious Education (RE)

In Year 4, we begin by studying Sikhism and Christianity. In our RE lessons we will be learning about Sikhism before half term, and after half term we will study a unit on Christianity.

PSHE

Our PSHE and Citizenship lessons will be focused on children's wellbeing, kindness and respect. This term will also include a Black History focus and celebrating differences.

Art

During our art lessons this half term, we will be studying Paul Cezanne and learning how to recreate his style of drawing by using mixed media. In Autumn 2, we will be focusing on using paint and learning how to use tints and shades of a colour.



PE

The children will be taught and a wide range of sporting techniques. The units include:

- Netball
- Badminton
- Fitness
- Gymnastics

Spanish

This term we will be learning Spanish words for numbers, colours, days of the week, months of the year and basic greetings. Additionally, we will be learning about family members.

Home Learning

Year 4 home learning will be based on **reading**, a minimum of 10 minutes per day, three days a week. Reading must be recorded in their reading records and these should be brought to school every day. Children are encouraged to read aloud to a parent or carer at least once a week. Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due the following Thursday.



Library books

Every child needs to have a school library book which they bring to school every day. This can be left at school or taken home each day. This will be used for independent reading time during the day. We have a good selection available in our classrooms. Please encourage them to take care of the books and return them if they bring them home.



Reminders

PE lessons are on **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. Please ensure that correct PE uniform is worn to school on these days.

All belongings, including items of clothing, are the children's responsibility, please make sure that all items are clearly marked with your child's name.

Communication with teachers

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please contact your child's Class Teacher on the class e-mail.

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