

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Year 4 Curriculum Letter – Spring Term**

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and are ready for lots of hard work this term!



#### **English**

During our English lessons this half term, we will have a high focus on reading. Please encourage your child to read as much and as widely as possible. This will have an invaluable impact on their progress. We will be collecting in their reading records each week so please ensure that you have heard your child read and complete this record throughout the week. We recommend that you record your comments at least 3 times per week. These comments should reflect the reading that has taken place and may include opinions about characters and settings, new words learnt or predictions about what will happen next. We will be focusing on dragon myths and Robin Hood, writing news paper reports, their own myths and play scrips.

#### **Maths**

In Maths we will be focusing on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and how we can use both mental and written methods to solve real life problems. We will also concentrate on fractions and telling the time.

We will be focusing on the children's times table knowledge as this is a vital skill which will help them in many other areas of maths. Please note that times tables now go up to x12.

#### **P.E.**

We will have P.E. twice a week (Wednesday and Thursday) and usually one of these sessions will be indoors and one outdoors. Although we have timetabled sessions, these can change due to weather or other circumstances, therefore it is important that your child has their P.E. kit in school every day. This should include a white T-shirt, blue shorts, pumps and trainers. During colder weather you may wish to provide your child with tracksuit bottoms and a jumper for outdoor PE, however they will still be required to wear shorts for indoor lessons. All earrings should be removed before school on these days to avoid loss or injury. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.



#### **Homework and Reading**

**Homework will be set every Friday** for both English, spellings and Maths and will be due **back in on Wednesday at the latest**. If your child has any concerns about the homework, it is important that they see us about it before it is due in so that appropriate support and guidance can be given.

## **Topic**

Over the next term, we will be learning about Modern Europe. The work will focus predominantly on geography but will also include skills from other areas of the curriculum.

The children will be using atlases and maps to find locations in Britain and Europe, finding natural and human features of localities.

## **British values**

British values are taught throughout the school curriculum and during this term we will concentrate on Individual liberty and rule of law. This will be taught through topic and other lessons.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Roden and Miss Carpay

Year 4 Teachers