

## Maths

This term, we'll be continuing to use our new Maths scheme, 'White Rose', which ensures that the children have concrete, pictorial and abstract experiences to build their fluency. Our learning will focus on Multiplication and Division, Length and Perimeter and Fractions and Decimals. A child's rapid recall of their times tables is essential for their mathematical development and your continued support with this at home is greatly appreciated. Doodle Maths, Doodle Tables or Hit the Button are fun and free apps for them to improve their multiplication fluency.



## Year 4 Curriculum News

Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and a happy start to the New Year. Once again, another busy term in Year 4 has started, with lots of exciting learning activities ahead. With your child's fantastic attitude to learning and your support, I have no doubt that we will have a successful and fun term, with lots of progress in learning being made. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask me at drop off or pickup times or by contacting me by email.

Thank you in advance for your invaluable support and I continue to look forward to working with you all.

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## English

This term we will be focusing on our persuasive writing, Issues and Dilemmas, and different forms of poetry. Many of these units will be cross-curricular and link in with our Humanities topic of 'Brazil' and the Rainforest. Grammar will continue to be taught through these lessons, ensuring the children understand the correct terminology and apply what they have learned in their independent writing. Spelling will be practised daily in school. Handwriting and presentation will continue to be a focus. Year 4 are learning handwriting joins each week and will use these in their various forms of writing.

## Humanities

Our main topic this term will be **Brazil**. We will focus on understanding where Brazil is, who lives there, what it is famous for and why it is the country it is today. This will help us with our Geography understanding, Literacy skills, History, Art, Science, and a celebration of Music, Art, and Sport. We will be reading and using 'The Explorer' as our text driver. There are many opportunities for children to carry out research also. The children will create a PowerPoint on a traditional Brazilian Carnival. Pupils will learn to locate the UK and Brazil on a world map, locate Brazil on a map of South America and study some geographical facts about Brazil. They will also identify similarities and differences between Brazil and the UK when using images.

**PSHE** - Our PSHE will continue to be delivered using the 'Scarf' scheme of work. In the first half of term our unit is 'Keeping Safe' and then we'll be looking at 'Rights and Respect' in the second half of the term.

**ICT**- This term we will be focussing on Programming using repetition in shapes. We will also be looking at Data logging and its functions in the second half of the term.

**Music**-We are lucky enough to be learning the Flute every Wednesday morning, which we are very excited about!

## Homework weekly tasks:

**Reading:** Children are expected to read at home for at least 20 minutes a day. Please ensure that reading is recorded in their Reading Record Diary and that this is signed weekly.

**Writing:** Writing homework will be set on a Friday and expected in on a Thursday. This will be a task that will take around 15 minutes to complete each week.

**Spelling:** Pupils are to continue to practice the differentiated spellings they receive each week and the Year 4 spellings, which will be in their homework folders.

**Maths:** Tasks will be in their homework folders on a Friday. Pupils are also expected to practise times tables 2-12 daily and associated division facts. They can practice by playing games such as Doodle Tables, Hit the Button, chanting or singing them aloud, or by writing them down.

## Science

Our topic for the first term is Animals, including Humans, and Food chains. We'll focus on describing the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans, identifying the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions, identifying producers, predators, and prey. In the second half term, we will look at Living Things and their Habitats. We will investigate the similarities and differences between vertebrates and identifying the characteristics of living things.



## P.E.

This term, the children will be developing their gymnastics skills. PE will continue to take place on a Monday and Friday. The children will need to come to school in full PE kit on these days and all uniform and pieces of clothing should be clearly named and labelled. **French**-This term children will be learning about houses and homes, describing rooms in a house, and talking about where they live, looking at places in France as well as learning to describe animals and talk about their pets.