

Keston Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Information



Spring Term Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the Christmas Break. We have lots of exciting things planned for this term and we hope you find the following information useful.

English

We will be focusing myths and stories based around Egypt later in the term.

Throughout all of our English work we will have a focus on Grammar, Punctuation and Comprehension.

The following links could help you to build on your child's work in school in these areas.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/writing/vocabulary/play/>

<http://www.gynzy.com/teachers/publishers/language-arts/synonyms-and-antonyms/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/en29punc-game-beat-the-clock-apostrophes>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/en29punc-game-blown-away>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/quiz/q25067687>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/punctuation/play/

<http://www.savethecomma.com/game/>

Mathematics

This term we will be focusing on time, adding and subtracting, fractions and decimals and position and direction.

The following links will help you when working on maths with your child at home - each of these links have several games.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/number/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/fractions-and-decimals>

In addition to these topics children will have Times Tables and Mental Maths sessions (number stars) once a week. Times Tables will continue to be a focus as they underpin so much of the

maths children use throughout their school life. By the end of Year 4 the government expectation is that all children know their Times Tables up to 12.

The following links may help you when working with your children on their Times Tables at home.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

http://www.mad4maths.com/multiplication_table_math_games/

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/ma13tabl-game-tables-grid-find>

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

<http://www.learnyourtables.co.uk/en/index2.htm>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Explore and Discover

This term in Explore and Discover we will be looking at a number of topics. In Science we will be looking the changes of state (solids, liquids and gases) and the water cycle.

In Geography the children will be looking at different kinds of weather, the water cycle and rivers.

Our Computing lessons will look at meteorology – using productivity software – and creating and delivering presentations on a computer.

Our Art will combine with our History topic which will be Ancient Egypt.

RE

The RE for Spring will be Christianity (including parables and the Easter story).

PE

During this term we will be looking at dance. Children should have their P.E. kits in school every day and kit should be clearly named.

We will continue to swim on Thursday afternoons. Any help would be greatly appreciated please contact the office or your class representative if you are able to help.

General Information Including Homework

We will be going on our school trip to the British museum on Monday 5th of February. A letter with more detail will be coming out shortly.

How can you help?

- Encourage your children to read as much as possible and ask them questions to check they understand what they are reading. The children's new planners have useful questions to check their understanding of a text.

- We have a recommended reading list for Year 4 and if you would like any help choosing a book for your child please ask us.
- Practise times tables with your child – see above.
- Take your child to the library to find books about the topics we will be covering.

Continuing on from the first term, homework will be in either reading comprehension, grammar or Maths. It will be sent out on a Thursday and is expected to be returned by the following Tuesday. Please support your child with their homework. If they find their homework difficult please encourage them to have a go and they can also attend **Homework club on a Monday lunchtime**. The children's planners have a homework guide which includes tips for helping with homework, a list of the Curriculum Spellings which children are expected to know by the end of year 4, as well as useful information for Maths and English generally.

In addition, spelling homework will be sent out on Friday following the Schofield and Sims books and will be tested the following Friday. There will be additional words to be learnt following the year 4 common exception words. Please encourage and support your child with learning these spellings and rules. Please return the homework on the following Thursday.

We look forward to continuing to work with you,

Miss Swainson and Miss Robinson