



Curriculum Information for Parents

Autumn Term 2

**Year
4**

Literacy and Maths

Literacy- The Non-negotiables for Year 4 will be taught throughout literacy, maths, and topic learning. Writing opportunities will be linked to the topics and children will write for different purposes such as a letter writing, recounts and a biography. Punctuation and grammar will be taught alongside these writing activities. Every child has a reading book, which needs to be read and recorded in their school planner, at least three times a week. This will be checked every Friday. The children will also be given the opportunity to read daily at school and have a weekly guided reading session.

Maths- This half term, we will move on to look at a range of multiplication activities and their corresponding division facts. It is very important that the children work on TT Rockstars regularly at home to help with their learning in school.

Topics

Weeks 1, 2 and 3: Geography – Our World

During our Geography topic, the children will begin by looking at and recognising the shapes of our continents. We will also use a range of maps to help us to locate and identify a range of countries within Europe, including Russia and we will look at some human and physical features within these countries. We will also look at features of mountains and rivers. We will then finish by looking at the key aspects of physical geography, including climate zones, biomes, and vegetation belts.

Weeks 4 and 5: Music – Lean on Me

During our music topic we will look at listening to a range of different sounds with attention and recall, creating short rhythmic patterns and compositions, understanding and reading a range of different notes that are displayed on a staff.

Weeks 6 and 7: RE – Advent

We will be focusing on the Christmas story and how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Religious Education

The children will take part in an hour long RE lesson every Tuesday in their class. This half term we will be focusing on Other Faiths – **What do Hindu's believe that God is like?**

We will also attend whole school 'Collective Worship', this half term's focus will be **Justice**.

Physical Education

Year 4 will take part in PE sessions on Mondays and Thursdays. On Mondays we will be focusing on Netball during outdoor PE. On Thursdays we will focus on Health and Fitness, in the hall.

Computing

The children will be focusing on using Purple Mash to help with their 'Animation' skills, through carrying out a range of activities/games during our computing lessons. The children will learn a range of shortcuts to help with their learning.

Home Learning and Other Relevant Information

At St Thomas' Leesfield we value the link between home and school, and we recognise parental support is vital to a child's progress and education. Please encourage your child to complete and return any home learning on time. Please discuss your child's learning and topic work and ask about their Always Badge. Please ensure that your child is reading regularly at home. This will need to be recorded in his / her planner. Planners and the home learning cycle will need to be signed every week and will be checked every Friday. Additionally, children need to be accessing TT Rockstars in preparation for the multiplication check which takes place in the Summer Term.