



Shepherd Primary School



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2021

Adults working with your child



Mrs Batchford & Miss Douglas

TAs: Mrs Ward & Miss Holland

Important Dates this Term

- w/c 6th September: Weekly Watford FC Sports lessons commence
- w/c 6th September: Weekly Spanish lessons commence
- w/c 6th September: Off by Heart Poetry Recital week
- Monday 13th September: Roald Dahl Day - children invited to come to school dressed as a Roald Dahl character
- Wednesday 15th September: Braiswick in to take individual photographs
- Friday 17th September: Christmas card designs to be sent home to parents, to be returned by Friday 8th October
- Friday 17th September: PTA AGM (time tbc)
- Thursday 30th September: Author Workshop: Dara McAnulty
- Thursday 30th September: SEN Open Morning for parents
- Fri 1st October: Weekly Music lessons commence
- Tuesday 5th October: Flu nasal spray for children
- w/c 18th October: 'Black History Month' week at Shepherd
- Drama workshops
- Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October: Parents Evening (after school)

Key Diary dates for Autumn (2) will be reviewed at October half term, taking account of the most up to date government advice regarding covid-19.

Mathematics

Fluency Focus: Fluency Focus: Number, place value and core number facts.
Place Value – Order and compare numbers beyond 1,000
Rounding estimation and magnitude
Securing addition and subtraction mental fluency
Securing formal written addition and subtraction fluency
Counting in multiples of 6,7,9,25 and 1,000
Multiplication and division facts (times tables)
Integer scaling and correspondence problems
Problem solving including measures
Multiply and divide a 1 and 2 digit number by 10 and 100
Measures and perimeter
Discrete and continuous data

Routines & Homework:

- **Weekly spellings:** These will be given out on a Thursday. These spelling will be tested on the following Thursday afternoon through dictation.
- **Weekly times tables practice** Children will be tested every couple of weeks to ensure progress is being made.
- **My Maths** – set Thursday to be completed for Tuesday.

PE - Tuesday Games Lesson - Thursday

English

Writing: Composition (*effect on audience/ sentence structure and punctuation/ text organisation*) and Transcription (*Handwriting and spelling*) will be taught based on a variety of text.

Narratives/ Discussion/ Explanation and Poetry.

Grammar & spelling: Year 3/4 Common exception words and weekly spelling rules will be taught.

Specific Y4 grammar and punctuation: possessive apostrophes, fronted adverbials, inverted commas, compound sentences and prepositions.

Handwriting: Children will continue to develop a continuous cursive style of handwriting with lead in strokes.

Reading Skills: Children will hear, share and discuss a wide range of high-quality texts to develop a love of reading, support the development of early comprehension and broaden their vocabulary. Books selected from a wide range of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks: modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions (including pre-twentieth century titles) and titles by classical children's authors.

Curriculum Information – Invaders & Settlers

Topic: Anglo Saxons, Scots and Vikings
Science: Working Scientifically: Living Things and their Habitats, Animals including Humans.
Computing: Authoring and e-safety.
Spanish: Numbers, dates, birthdays and celebrations.
PE: Games and Gymnastics
RE: Sikhism – what does it mean? And How we celebrate life
Art: Sketching and drawing Artefacts
Design & Technology: Viking Long Ships
PSHCE: 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'
Music: The rhythm of life

If you have any particular expertise or interest in any of our curriculum topics for this term, and would like to share this with the class, please contact the class teacher.

Further information can be found on the curriculum and class web pages <http://www.shepherd.herts.sch.uk/class-pages/year-4.html>