



Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The circus is in full swing in Year 4 and we hope the children have been sharing all of the exciting activities we have been completing.

This letter will give you an outline of some of the things we will be covering in class this term. We know the children will love what we have planned! 😊

English

Our English topic has started with ‘The Greatest Showman’ to hook the children into our circus theme! We will be focusing on non-fiction writing after researching about the history of the circus and writing newspaper reports about animals that have escaped! We will be continuing to use the Power of Reading approach to teaching English, starting with a quality text and relating the majority of our English work to that book. Our first book, ‘Leon and the place between’, is a lovely story with a magical theme. We will be focusing on a number of different skills including using a range of punctuation, developing vocabulary and building up the children’s stamina for writing.

Maths

We will be covering a wide range of maths topics this term. This will include revising and consolidating some of the things the children have already worked on, as well as learning and developing new skills and knowledge. Here is a rough guide of what we will be covering in class:

Autumn		
Weeks		
1 – 4	Number: Place Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roman numerals to 100 • Round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 • Count in 25s and 1000s • Represent numbers in different ways and understand what each digit in a four digit number represents • Partitioning 4 digit numbers in different ways • Compare and order numbers • Negative numbers
5-7	Number: Addition and Subtraction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add and subtract 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add and subtract two four digit numbers • Estimate answers • Check strategies
8	Measurement: Length and Perimeter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert between kilometres and metres • Find the perimeter of different shapes
9-11	Number: Multiplication and Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiply and divide by 10 and 100 • Multiply by 1 and 0 • Divide by 1 and itself • Multiply and divide by 6, 7 and 9
12	Consolidation	

Science

This term in Science, we will be studying 'Electricity' and 'States of Matter'.

History and Geography

In Geography this term we will be completing some fieldwork in Bromley Town Centre and hope to compare this to another locality in the Spring Term.

Music

Wherever possible, we will be linking our music teaching to the book that we are studying in class. Every Monday during our planning time (PPA), Mrs Wood (formerly known as Mrs Robins) will be teaching Music using a variety of instruments.

Computing

We have a good range of technology available at Bickley and will make use of the, Laptops and IPADs to access the Computing curriculum. The children will develop their understanding of programming this term.

French

In French the children will revise greetings, numbers, days of the week and family members and move on to learning classroom objects.

PE

PE will take place on **Monday and Tuesday for both classes**. Please ensure that the children have a tracksuit when the weather starts to get colder as we will still be going outside. The children must have their PE kit in school **every day**. Please ensure your child's hair is tied back and their earrings are covered or removed.

Art

Art will mostly be linked to the books we are covering in English as well as our other exciting Foundation Subjects. We will focus on developing painting and drawing skills as well as completing other Art projects.

RE

In RE, the children will be starting with a theme called 'Why do you judge me?' which looks at discrimination. We will also be learning about Harvest and how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Homework

As you have already seen, we have sent out a project based homework this half term all about the circus. The children need to complete a minimum of **four** of the activities provided and are welcome to think creatively about other tasks that they could complete. We hope that the children are enthusiastic about this new approach to homework.

Please remember that the children should be reading at home **every day** as part of their regular homework routine. Additional Maths homework will be set using Activlearn and Times Table Rockstars. Your child will receive weekly times table homework.

Reading books will be changed and sent home on a **Friday**. Please write a comment in your child's Reading Record to confirm that they have read their books at home so that they can be changed. Let us know if they have chosen to read any other exciting texts at home!

Spelling

Spellings will be given out on a **Friday** and tested the following week. They are based on spelling patterns and rules that we will be learning about in English that week. If your child requires a challenge, please research other words which follow the same pattern or use a dictionary to look up their meanings.

Parent helpers

If you would like to come in to school on a weekly basis to help with cooking, please let us know.

Please feel free to come and see us at any time if you have any worries or concerns. We have an exciting year planned and we know that the children are looking forward to what Year 4 has to offer.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Baker and Mrs Bavin

