

# Year 4 – Term 1

Welcome back to a new school year.

We are really pleased with the way the children have settled in and are eager to start learning lots of new and exciting things.

## English

During English this term we are focusing on the book: “One Plastic Bag” by Miranda Paul.

We use this text to write in role, discuss issues raised, write an information leaflet and a narrative story.

The focus this term will be our presentation and use of GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling).

## Maths

The children will build on their Year 3 learning and cover areas such as place value to 1,000 and the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

## Term 1 – Our topic is Blue Abyss

The focus for Blue Abyss is the ocean and sea life, including the impact of plastic on the ocean environment.

## Science – Living things and their habitats

During this topic the children will learn about the classification of different types of animals and consider the effect that environmental change is having on animals’ habitats.

## PE

Children will have two sessions a week. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing. We will be doing outside PE unless the weather is severe.

<u>Stonehenge 4</u>	<u>Kew 4</u>
Monday – indoor – gymnastics	Monday – indoor – gymnastics
Thursday – outdoor – cricket	Thursday - outdoor – cricket

### **Forest Schools**

We have three Forest Schools sessions in term 1. On these days, please send in appropriate old, outdoor clothing eg tracksuit, wellies or old trainers.

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

### **Homework**

**Maths Homework:** This will focus on the learning of times tables. The end of Year 4 expectation is that children will be able to recall all multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and the associated division facts. We will have a times tables test on a Friday.

**Home learning:** The children will have opportunities to show their home learning and House points will be awarded for effort, presentation and interest.

**Spellings:** At the beginning of each term we will send home a list of weekly spellings to focus on which covers the Year 4 spelling curriculum. We will review the weekly spelling rule on the following Monday.

**Reading at home:** In Year 4 we expect children to read and record between 5-7 times a week (20 minutes). Children who manage to read 7 times are rewarded with 5 minutes extra play on a Monday.

### **School Trips / Visits this year**

Term 1 – London Aquarium – this will be confirmed in the next few days and a letter will go out next week – we hope! Approximate cost - £18

Term 3 – History workshop in school – approximate cost - £10

Term 5 – Visit to a Hindu Temple – no charge

On **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September** we would like to invite you into school to share with you some information regarding life in Year 4. This will take place in Stonehenge 4 classroom. You do not need to confirm your attendance.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and appreciate your support.

Mrs Dorrian and Mrs Walters