

**Cheetwood Community Primary School**  
**Year 4: Curriculum News - Autumn Term 1 2023**

**Class Teacher:** Mr Dixon  
**Teaching Assistants:** Miss Fleet

**In Y4 this half term your child will be learning the following:**

**English**

**Areas of Study:** Reading comprehension skills, grammar and punctuation, spellings and speaking and listening. Pupils will be writing across a range of genres including: character description, information brochure writing and performance poetry.

**Class book – Llama out loud by Annabelle Sami**

**How you can support your child:**

- Encourage your child to read a range of texts such as newspapers, leaflets, stories
- Encourage your child to do independent writing such as story writing, recounts and descriptions
- Go through Big Talk home learning ready to complete Big Write – this will on a bi-weekly basis

**Maths**

**Areas of Study –** The Maths curriculum this term covers number and place value up to 4 digits, addition and subtraction and times tables

**How you can support your child**

- Place value- practise reading and writing numbers to 1000, rounding and ordering numbers, counting forward and back in 10s and 100s. Practising and recognising Roman Numerals in the environment.
- Observing negative numbers on thermometers, scales and
- Addition and Subtraction- practice mentally adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers by partitioning.
- Practice mental times table skills at home regularly, particularly, with 6s, 7s and 9s being introduced in the Year 4 curriculum. Your child needs to know their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of year four.
- Encourage your child to use Maths in everyday life. For example, counting out money to pay in shops, reading bus or television timetables, sharing out treats equally or weighing out ingredients.
- Help them to complete their Maths homework.

**Useful websites**

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> for times tables practice

[https://uk.ixl.com/?partner=google&campaign=81146728&adGroup=129630719167&gclid=EAlalQobChMI-uTCqLu0-gIVD-rtCh2dWQWREAAAYASAAEgIPSfD\\_BwE](https://uk.ixl.com/?partner=google&campaign=81146728&adGroup=129630719167&gclid=EAlalQobChMI-uTCqLu0-gIVD-rtCh2dWQWREAAAYASAAEgIPSfD_BwE) : a subscription website which has English and maths objectives to practice. This includes rewards

**and incentives for children to collect on their profile.**

<https://tt.serveweb.co.uk/> **USE THIS WEBSITE TO PRACTISE TIMES TABLES FOR THE TEST IN JUNE**

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

The BBC site has a *schools* area with lots of games and learning resources for English and maths.

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/> - lots of activities and learning resources.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/> – activities, homework and revision.

We also have links on our own website.

**Geography:**

**Areas of study: Our European Neighbours**

- Naming Continents
- Identifying Europe
- Identifying features of individual European Countries, including flags
- Using and locating countries on maps, atlas's and globes

**How you can support your child:**

- Discuss with your child what they have learnt in geography.
- Show your child a map of the world and an atlas.
- Help them to do library or internet research their topic.
- Create a presentation or information leaflet

**Science:**

**Area of Study: Eating and Digestion**

In Science we will be looking at eating and digestion in Humans and other animals.

- Animals that are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores.
- What food chains are.
- Teeth and what their functions are.
- Different ways of keeping teeth healthy.
- How the digestive system works
- Functions of basic parts of the digestive system.

**How you can support your child:**

- Find out about different types of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

- Research different food chains.
- Find out the names of our teeth.
- Research how we can stay healthy.
- Research how the digestive system works.
- Research how different parts of the digestive system work.

### **PE**

Pupils will be doing PE on the following days:

**Swimming** – Monday morning – a full kit including cap for long hair, is necessary.

**Games** – Tuesday afternoon, **please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on this day.**

As pupils are not permitted to wear any jewellery for PE it helps if earrings and other jewellery are not worn to school on Monday and Tuesday.

### **Homework**

**Each week your child will be given:**

- A piece of maths or reading homework handed out on Fridays to be handed in the following Wednesday.
- A Big Write homework will also be sent on Fridays to be returned on Monday.
- A set of spellings to be learnt each half term. Please practise these with your child.

**Please encourage your child to read three times a week and ensure you sign their reading diary. There is a class prize for the class who reads the most at home, which we measure by signatures, so the more signatures, the more chance of winning!**

**If you need to speak to me please call the school office, or catch me in the playground at hometime.**