

Cheetwood Community Primary School
Year 4: Curriculum News - Autumn Term 2 2023
Class Teacher: Mr Dixon
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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, instruction writing and performance poetry.

Class book – The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis

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- multiplication and division; measurement- length and perimeter and times tables

How you can support your child

- Multiplication and Division- practice multiplication and division facts, multiply and dividing by 10, 100, 1000
- Length and Perimeter - practice conversions of measurements of length: mm, cm, m, km
- 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://tt.serveweb.co.uk/> **USE THIS WEBSITE TO PRACTISE TIMES TABLES FOR THE TEST IN JUNE**

<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=EA1aIQobChMI-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.

<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.

History- Early Civilisations

This half term we will be learning about Early Civilisations and will be finding out about where, when and how they first began.

Areas of Study

- The first writing systems and how they developed into cuneiform writing. They will explore some other early writing systems, such as ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and the Shang Dynasty oracle script.
- Trade in early civilisations- how and why it began.
- Mathematical understanding in early civilisations – looking at the first number systems and how they are similar/different to today.
- Technology and inventions of early civilisations.
- Buildings and architecture of early civilisations.

How you can support your child:

- Discuss with your child what they have learnt in topic.
- Help them to do library or internet research their topic.
- Create a presentation or information leaflet

Science – Eating and Digestion continued...

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

Areas of study:

- 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 the teeth we have are.
- 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 and reading homework handed out on Fridays to be handed in the following Monday.
- A set of spellings to be learnt each half term. Please practise these with your child.
- Please encourage your child to practice their timetables at home for the Multiplication Check test in June.

Please encourage your child to read three times a week and ensure you sign their reading diary.

If you need to speak to me please call the school office or alternatively you can email me at:

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