

# Year 4 Newsletter

## A Huge Thank You!

Dear Parents / Carers,

On behalf of all the Year 4 Team, we would like to say a special **thank you** for all the support you have provided throughout the Autumn Term. The children had a calm and settled start to this academic year and that is due to your personal support. We would also like to thank the children for all the hard work they put into their lessons. In the Spring Term, we look forward to them continuing their fantastic learning! Keep it up Year 4!

# Spring Term Overview

**English:** In the Spring term, the children will be writing a range of different text types including: newspaper reports, short stories and non-chronological reports. It would be useful if your child could start to familiarise him/herself with these text types. Your local library will have a range of these text types your children could borrow.



**Maths:** In Maths, children will continue to develop their ability to use a range of methods to: add, subtract, multiply and divide 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers. They will also be looking at different measures. Additionally, the children will be working on practising their mental maths skills including becoming more confident with times tables.

**Science:** States of Matter.

**Geography:** This term, the children will be learning about the UK and North America, the countries in the UK and their geographical features. They will name the capital cities and will learn the names of counties in England.

**R.E** Rituals

**PSHE:** Children will look at 'Living in the Wider World' and at 'Relationships'.

**Art:** Children will replicate existing and design their own cultural patterns.

## Curriculum Awards

Last year Wood End Park introduced curriculum awards. Curriculum awards aim to recognise pupils who have talents in the non-core subjects such as: History, PE, Science and RE. These subjects help provide the children with an enriched and varied curriculum and children are given a chance to investigate, research and demonstrate their creative skills. We feel the broad curriculum is very important to meet the talents of all of our children.

A big well done to the children who were awarded curriculum awards for the Autumn term. Teachers will be paying close attention throughout the Spring term to see if they have any Geography Geniuses or Amazing Artists in their classes.

## Reading and Homework:

### Reading:

Thank you for supporting us by reading with your children at home. Lots of year 4 children have been reading regularly at home, which has helped with their progress.

Well done to all the children who have worked towards achieving certificates in the Star Reader Scheme.

Each child is expected to read for at least 15 minutes every single day. Please ask your children questions each night to ensure they are understanding what they are reading. **If your child has not read, and their reading log is not signed daily, they will need to attend a reading catch up during playtime.**

We also have additional reading resources on our website.

### Star reader scheme

Remember the books have to be from a variety of genres such as mystery, poetry and non-fiction. If your child has not started the star reader scheme, ask your teacher for a booklet today. Earn certificates as you journey towards the ultimate goal of the very special Wood End Park Academy Star Reader badge.



### Homework:

English and Maths homework is given out every Thursday and must be returned by Tuesday.

**If your child needs additional support with their homework at school, there is a homework club on Thursday and Friday. Please do encourage your children to come if they are struggling with this at home or need extra support.**



## Opening Minds Curriculum

A big thank you to all Parents who came to the children's Opening Minds Exhibition. In Year 4, we believe in helping our children develop skills that will help our children as they become adults.

Our Opening Minds skills for Spring will be:

- Self-management
- Emotional intelligence

Children will plan and manage an activity. They will also learn to resolve conflict and say how their actions have affected others. Do visit the Curriculum section on the website to find out what each of the OM skills mean.

## Wish for 2018

With a new year about to start it is important for children to create a wish for WEPA or the world.

***What would your wish be for 2018?***

We will collect these in during the first week back.



## Useful websites for creative curriculum

To help your child get ready for Spring term, use the websites below to provide your child with more information on the topics they will be studying.

**Geography: UK and North America**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zbyv4wx/resources/1>

**Science: States of Matter**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/>



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