

Year 4 Curriculum Letter Spring 2 2019

Wolves



Dear Parents,

We hope you had a relaxing half term break. In Year 4 we are going to be learning all about Wolves.

Ways you can help at home:

- **In Year 4, it is very important that we know all of our times tables up to 12x12 and the corresponding division facts. Please could you support children in practising these whenever possible.**
- Read little and often each day. We will be reading for meaning and understanding. Ask lots of questions about the text and encourage the children to form opinions. Please sign reading records showing your child's reading as we like to positively acknowledge readers in class.
- **Helping your child to tell the time by asking them to read an analogue clock at various intervals throughout the day.**
- Encourage children to complete their homework and hand it in on time. Homework will be handed out on a Thursday and is due in the following Tuesday.

PE

This half term Year 4's PE sessions will be taught by Coach Unlimited. The sessions will have a gymnastics focus and will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that PE kits are in school.

Many thanks for your continued support. Please remember to come and talk to us at any time if you need to discuss anything.

The Year 4 team

English Focus

In English we will be writing traditional tales with a twist inspired by *Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes*. We will also be gathering and sharing research on Wolves and then using this information to write non-chronological reports.

SPAG focus:

- Possessive apostrophes and Speech punctuation
- Prefixes and suffixes
- Homophones

Numeracy Focus

Key Areas of Learning:

- Fractions:
Ordering and comparing fractions
Adding and Subtracting fractions
Hundredths and Tenths
Dividing by 10 and 100
- Area and Perimeter
- Time- analogue and digital time including time problems.
- Times tables up to 12 x 12 and the related division facts.

Science Learning Theme: Classification of living things.

In Science, we will be classifying animals into their main groups based on their characteristics. As part of this, we will be learning about vertebrates and invertebrates. We will also be looking at food chains which exist within different habitats.

Knowledge and Understanding:

Linked to our class text, *The Wolves of Currumpaw*, we will be understanding ways in which the natural environment helps to support agriculture and the economy. As part of this, we will be tracing the historical routes of cattle ranchers of New Mexico in the late nineteenth century.

In **RE**, we will be thinking about why the Bible is important to Christians. We will be exploring questions about what the Bible says and how the bible is used and valued in Christian communities today.

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Creativity

Art: We have lots of exciting Art projects planned for this term which will cover a range of techniques and different media. We will be sketching in the style of Quentin Blake to accompany our twisted rhymes. We will also be looking at the paintings of Georgia O'Keefe and the photography of

DT: The first week of this half term will be STEM Week in which we will be designing, constructing and evaluating a house to withstand the huffing and puffing of the big bad wolf!

In **Computing** we will be focusing on coding and how to control a simple system with inputs and outputs.

In **Cooking**, we will be creating North American dishes and in particular those eaten in New Mexico to link to our class text.