Cheddington Combined School

Year Four

Mr Grasby

Outline of the Autumn term curriculum 2022



Dear Parents,

Welcome to your child's first term in Year 4. I look forward to working with you and your child over the coming year; if you have any problems or concerns please contact me.

- English- this term the class will be reading 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant,' which will be our stimulus when writing to entertain. We will also be writing non-chronological reports and free verse poetry.

- Mathematics- the children will continue to develop their mathematical skills and knowledge in all areas. We will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. Please ensure that your children practise their times tables.

- Science- the children will learn about 'States of Matter.' There will be practical opportunities for the children to classify and sort materials into solids, liquids and gases, as well as understanding the change of state when materials are heated or cooled.

- Art- the children will respond to the work of Henri Matisse, Francis Bacon and Andy Warhol and create their own collage in the style of these artists. Later in the term, the children will continue to develop their fine pencil control and explore colour and contours.

- Design Technology- the children will investigate free-standing structures in order to design and make their own photo frame.

- French- the children will revisit their Year 3 learning and continue to expand their knowledge of transport, weather and Christmas.

- History- what impact did the Romans have on Britain? This will be the focus of our history learning. This term we will examine the structure of the Roman Empire and discuss why Britain was invaded.

- Geography- our topic focuses on Brazil. The children will focus on their mapping skills, as well as looking at the human and physical features of the country.

- IT- the children will develop their understanding of computer networks and will learn how to edit audio.

- Music- this term, the children will be studying music of the classical era and learning some new songs to sing as a class.

- PHSE- we will be discussing physical health and we will continue to focus on our mental wellbeing. We will also look at how to keep safe and discuss friendships, particularly those online.

- RE- we will be looking at worship in Christianity, Islam and Hinduism, with the personal goal for the children to assess what worship means to them.

- Our time in the library is on a Monday and books should be returned into a classroom tray on that day.

- PE- will be on Thursday. The children will continue to develop their physical skills. The children will go swimming on Wednesday afternoon. For this, they will need their swimming kit, including a swim-hat; if your child has earrings, please remove them on Wednesday if possible or provide tape or plasters to cover them.

Please ensure that the children have their correct PE kit with them all week, this should include red shorts, house colour polo shirt, trainers and a tracksuit which should ideally be black, navy or dark green. Girls should have long hair tied back and earrings needs to be taken out or covered with tape or plasters. No jewellery is permitted in school except for a watch and plain stud ear-rings.

Homework

- Children will be given spellings to learn which will be tested weekly on a Friday. Children will receive these on Friday and you can access them on the VLE. Please practise these at home.

- To practise their times tables, children may use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Children should spend 5 minutes a day of spellings or times tables, 5 times a week.

- Children should read to an adult aloud at least 3 times a week for about 10 minutes.

- Details of specific homework tasks relating to English and Mathematics will be written in homework diaries. Longer projects linked to topics will also be set. Homework will be set on Thursday and due on Thursday. Copies of the homework details will also be available on the VLE.

Other ways you can support your child:

- Please ensure that all your child's belongings are labelled.
- Ensure that your child has their correct equipment in school; water bottle, pens, pencils, ruler, dictionary, reading book, homework diary, PE kit.
- Any monies brought into school at any time should be in a named envelope, clearly labelled.
- Please support and encourage your child with their homework and sign the diary once it has been completed.
- Listen to your child read at least 3 x weekly and test them on their spellings and tables. Question your child on books that they are reading to check their comprehension of the text.
- Please also use the homework diary as a means of communication with us; any questions and concerns can be answered in this way.