

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a great holiday. It is lovely to have so many smiley faces back in the classroom!

For your information, we have included an outline of the curriculum for this term for your child. Your child will receive a homework book containing maths homework linked to objectives covered during the week. This will be given out every **Thursday** and should be returned to school the following **Tuesday**. Weekly spellings will also be given out to practise at home. Your child will have a spelling test every **Monday**. School diaries need to be brought to school every day so important updates can be added.

Reading books will be given out next week for children who are on our reading scheme. If your child does not receive a book it means they can now choose a book to read from home. May we also take this opportunity to remind you of the impact which regular reading at home will also have on your child's progress.

Year 5 and 6 will be split for English and maths lessons.

Miss Dodds - Year 5

Mrs Mowbray - Year 6

Numeracy

Children will focus on various aspects of maths, including:

- Number and place value
- Mental & written addition and subtraction
- Solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions
- Conversion of measures

Literacy

This term the children will be reading 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo. We are sure the children will love reading it!

Our work will cover the following aspects of the English curriculum:

- Character and setting description.
- Story writing
- Drama
- Newspaper reports

Computing

This half term children will learn about E-safety, programming models and they will also be introduced to coding.

Science

Our science unit this half term is Animals Including Humans. Through this unit children will learn how to keep their bodies healthy, explore nutrition, the importance of exercise and their hearts - including the circulatory system.

Geography

We will be learning all about rainforests, which is linked to our novel in English.

PE

A PE coach will be coming into school to teach net and wall games. Please ensure your child is wearing an appropriate PE kit to school every **Friday**.

Swimming

The children will be attending swimming lessons this term. This will take place at Spennymoor Leisure Centre every **Monday starting on Monday 6 September**. Your child will need to bring a bag containing their swimming costume, swimming hat and a towel (goggles are optional). Children should not wear any jewellery on swimming days.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about religious diversity in our area. The children will explore some of the different faith communities in our area - including places of worship and some of the artefacts linked to the region's faith communities.

Spanish

This half term the children will learn about the districts in Spain, the weather, seasons and months. We will also learn about The National Day of Spain.

Art/DT

The children will be designing and making shelters linked to our rainforest topic.

PSHE

The title of our topic is 'Me and My Relationships'. We will be looking at working collaboratively, friendships, communication and emotional needs.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mowbray and Miss Dodds



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Class 4