

Hunmanby Primary School Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter **Summer term**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter. Please find below an overview of our term.

Project – Ancient Civilisations

We will start the term with a project called 'Ancient Civilisations'. This project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation.



English and maths

In our literacy work this term, we are continuing our whole school approach to writing called 'The Write Stuff'. We will be writing a narrative story, a non-fiction diary, poetry and a fantasy story. In maths, we will continue our work on decimals before moving onto money and time. We will finish the term by focussing on geometry and statistics.

We will have a weekly (online) times table test and will be using TTRS to support our instant recall. The statutory times tables test for year 4s will take place in June. On Fridays, raffle tickets are given to children who practice their times tables at home.

Science and computing- In science, we will be learning about electrical circuits and conductors. We will construct simple series circuits and name their parts and functions, including switches, wires and cells. We will investigate electrical conductors and insulators and identify common features of conductors. We will also learn about programmable devices. In computing, we will finish our work on data logging and photo editing. After half term, we will explore the concept of repetition in programming using Scratch.

Art and D&T - Our art and design project in the first half term is 'Statues, Statuettes and Figurines'. This project teaches children about the 3-D representation of the human form, including statues, statuettes and figurines. Our second project will be 'Islamic Art'. This project teaches children about the features of Islamic art. The children will make geometric patterns and motifs using various techniques. Our topic this term in design and technology is 'Tomb Builders'. This project teaches how certain inventions helped ancient builders to lift and move heavy loads.

PSHE and music- Our PSHE focus this term is 'Safety and the Changing Body'. This term, we will be following Charanga for our music sessions. We will be learning and performing 'Blackbird' by The Beatles during the first half term.



PE - Mr. Ellis will continue to work with us this year and will be in every Monday. The children will need to arrive at school wearing their PE kit, which is a white t-shirt and black shorts or jogging bottoms depending on the weather. We will be outside

wherever possible so please dress accordingly in line with the school uniform policy. We will focus on athletics followed by striking and fielding.

French and RE – In RE, we will be focussing our lessons on why festivals are important to religious communities in the first half term and in the second half term, we will be asking 'Why do some people think that life is like a journey and what significant experiences mark this?'. In French, our topics are 'Je Suis Le Musicien' and 'A La Mode'.

Reading at home

In Year 4, we request that children read at home **a minimum of 3 times per week**. Your child's reading record should be signed and dated so we know they have done this. Children who read regularly will receive class rewards, so it would be great to have your support in this too because reading is so important.

Each Friday the children can select a book from our reading corner to bring home to read for pleasure. The books are to be in school every Friday when they can either opt to swap or keep their book.

We will be continuing to use our 'Reading Rainbow' this term. For every **4 days** a child reads, they move along on the rainbow. There will be a reward at the end of each half term for the children who make it to the pot of gold.

Homework

The children will receive homework **every Friday** which must be handed in by the following **Wednesday**. The children will be given weekly spellings and one other task. Spellings books will be sent out on a Monday and assessed on a Friday. We ask that you sign the spelling book in acknowledgement of seeing/helping them practise.

- The Daily Mile continues in KS2! The initiative improves the physical and mental health of children and the children here at Hunmanby!
- My planning afternoon is on a Tuesday afternoon, and I will not be in class. The children will be taught by Mrs. Collier-Wood who will start the term teaching computing, RE and French.
- Class Dojo is our main reward system; we will continue to award bronze, silver and gold certificates as Dojo points build and some children may even reach platinum by the end of the year.
- Mrs. Owen will support the class each morning this term.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please send me a message via Dojo or try to catch me on the playground before or after school.

Thanks,
Miss Butcher