

Autumn Term, Week 1

**Habit of the term: Self-Control**

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a lovely summer break. It is fabulous to see the children back in school happily continuing their learning, they have settled into Year 4 wonderfully. Our habit for this half term is self-control and the children are really showing that they embody this trait. This week, the children loved getting to know their new teachers, have learned many new routines, discussed our habits and talked about how we can show these whenever we can.

Next week, we begin our full curriculum. In maths we shall start our topic of reasoning with four digit numbers by learning about place value, ordering and comparing numbers and finding 1,000 more or less.

In Geography this term, the children will be learning about Europe and next week, the children will locate Europe on a world map and identify some of its characteristics.

In English we shall be putting the children, for three days a week, into four reading groups across Year 4, and shall be applying our highly successful reading programme called Success For All (SFA). For two days a week, our English is then taught in their usual classes and is linked closely to our Geography topic. The children shall be learning about fronted adverbials and paragraphs in grammar, and then writing a non-chronological report about Europe using these.

In Science, we begin our topic on living things and next week, the children will learn about their characteristics using the acronym MRS NERG - Movement, Reproduction, Sensitivity, Nutrition, Excretion, Respiration and Growth!

Other Notices

- Please ensure your child brings a **water bottle** into school every day.
- The weather is very changeable at the moment. Classroom windows have to be kept open at all times to allow for adequate ventilation and help prevent any potential spread of Covid-19. Some days it will be a bit cold, even indoors - please ensure your child brings a **jumper** to school in case it is cold and a **coat** in case it rains.
- Many aspects of our curriculum make use of the iPads. Please ensure your child's **iPad** is **charged every night** so that it is fully charged when they get to school, every day. A forgotten or discharged iPad is disruptive to your child's education. We are still seeing some children arrive in school with a flat or nearly flat battery.

- A small number of children are arriving in school a few minutes late every day. Arriving just a few minutes earlier makes your child feel happier, less stressed and means they do not miss any learning. Please arrive between 8:30 am and **no later** than 8:50 am.
- For **homework**, this term are returning to our use of homework passports which are inside your child's homework book. In addition, please also make sure your child is also practicing their spellings, times tables and reading every day, for example in Bug Club on their iPad.
- Children must be dressed in their PE kits on the given day. The dress code is black trainers, black shorts or jogging bottoms and either a T-shirt which is either plain white or in your classes house colour. If the weather is cold, the children can wear a black jumper. The PE days are:

Cypress - Tuesday	Alder - Wednesday	Rowan - Thursday	Laurel - Friday
-------------------	-------------------	------------------	-----------------

- Please remember if you need to speak with a member of staff email us at: SPA.Year4-STF@oasisshirleypark.org or through ClassDojo.

Remember to stay safe and look after yourselves.

Have a great weekend.

The Year 4 Team

