



# Windermere Primary School

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Dear Year 4 parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 4! I hope you have all had a relaxing summer break. I am really looking forward to meeting you all and teaching your children this year. The staff team in Year 4 are myself, Mrs Ahmed and Miss Bright. There will be lots of exciting opportunities for the children to develop their independence and co-operation skills in their learning. We will also support them to develop a deeper understanding of who they are and their value in the class, school and the wider world. We encourage everyone to take on roles and responsibilities that will help other people in the school whilst building their own self esteem at the same time.

Our areas for learning this term are:

## English

In English, this term, we shall be learning about many different styles of writing. We are beginning with creating our own graphic novel using the book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. Following on from this, we shall be looking at poetry before writing our own poems. We also learn how to write a persuasive speech and look at the different techniques used in a narrative.

## Maths

This term we will be developing our understanding of place value, focusing on numbers beyond 1000. The children will be developing their mathematical fluency, to add and subtract mentally and in written methods. Multiplication is an important focus, particularly in Year 4 where the children will be required to take part in the multiplication tables check in the Summer Term.

## Science

Our first topic is 'States of Matter', where we will be learning about solids, liquids and gases. We will compare and group materials and observe any changes in materials when they are heated or cooled.

## Geography and History

This term, the children will be using maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping to locate countries across the world in the northern and southern hemispheres. We will also be identifying the capital cities of these countries. Our first history topic of the year is 'Ancient Greeks'. We will be learning about the different groups of people who lived there, finding out about Greek gods and historical events. We will be making comparisons between 'then' and 'now', such as the difference between modern and ancient Olympic games.

## Design and Technology

This term we will be investigating levers and linkages in order to create a story book with moving parts.



**Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)**

The children will be learning key vocabulary, developing their listening skills and learning how to write simple sentences in French in order to introduce themselves.

**Computing**

This term the children will be learning about the internet and other computer networks. They will also develop their understanding of the importance of staying safe online and how to behave appropriately.

**PE**

Over the year, the children will take part in PE lessons twice a week on Wednesday and Thursday. The session on Wednesday will be taught by a sports coach. The children will have a range of opportunities to develop their physical fitness, ball skills, team-work skills and understanding of specific games. Thursday lessons will be swimming lessons. It is important that your child has their PE kit in school (including a pair of trainers separate to their school shoes) at all times in case of an unexpected timetable change or an additional PE opportunity that may arise at short notice.

**Home learning**

There is an expectation that the children take part in daily reading, spelling and times tables practice at home. This should be approximately 10 minutes a day for each aspect and will support your child to build their working memory and recall information more readily. Spellings will be sent home each Monday and there will be an assessment every Friday to ensure that the children can not only spell the words but also understand the meaning of the words. All children have been given access to Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRs) which will aid them with their times tables practice.

**General reminders**

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform each day, and that each item of clothing is clearly named (including PE clothes).

They will need to bring their book bag and a named water bottle each day. If your child would like a snack at break time, they are able to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat outside.

If you have any questions or concerns, I would be more than happy to have a chat, either in person or on the phone. Please do come and catch me at the classroom door or email the office to arrange a convenient time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Holton, Mrs Ahmed and Miss Bright