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St Martin's CE
Primary School

Spelling / Handwriting

Each week your child will be sent home with a list of spellings to practise. They will also be able to log into Spelling Shed at home. Your child will also be given a list of words that they need to be able to spell by the end of Year 4. You can use this to practise spelling with your child whenever you have time to spare. Occasionally, your child will be asked to practise some aspect of their handwriting at home too.

Maths/English

Every Friday your child will be given a piece of Maths or English homework to complete at home. This will be something that they have already covered in school or a reading comprehension activity. If your child completes this activity, can you ensure that they bring it into school by Wednesday the following week.

Don't forget...

Your child will be heard reading every week in school and this will supplement reading activities in lessons. We would appreciate it, therefore, if you could ensure your child brings their reading book into school every day. Your child will normally do P.E. on Wednesday. Could you please ensure your child brings in appropriate P.E. kit on that day and that they have removed any jewellery.

Year 4 Curriculum Leaflet

Autumn 1

In this leaflet you will find out about what your child will be learning during this half term and how you can help them at home.

It gives you information about what is going to be taught in all areas of the curriculum in school and suggests some ways in which you can get involved and help out at home.

We see this as a great opportunity for you to share in your child's education.

On the back page you will find further information regarding homework and what to expect each week.

Thank you for your support!
Year 4 Staff



Mr. Fereday



Miss Foster

Ancient China

Did you know that the Great Wall of China is the only man made structure that can be seen from outer space? How amazing the people who built this thing must be?



Our Topic

This term our topic is all about Ancient China. Children will be developing skills in all areas of the curriculum through this topic. They will learn about what everyday life was like for the Ancient Chinese. They will also use maps and atlases of China to locate major cities and rivers. They will investigate the Shang dynasty and the physical and human differences between China and where we live. In Art and Design lessons, children will produce work inspired by their research e.g. Chinese Ming vases. They will use clay to create Ancient Chinese bronze vessels. They will use the internet to research some of the cultural traditions of China and present this as an information text.

Maths

During this term, we will work on the four operations, developing and consolidating methods of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. In Geometry lessons, will be learning how to draw reflections of shapes accurately. We will draw lines and shapes using accurate measurement of length and angle, and we will practise using compasses. In Data and Measure lessons, we will learn how to convert between different units of measurement. We will also begin to apply the skills we have learnt to a number of different problems, including 'real life' problems.

To help your child develop you could practise multiplication tables with them and number bonds to 10, 20 and 100.

English

During English lessons children will be reading the book 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. A number of other texts will be read too, including stories, poems and non-fiction texts. They will be discussing what happens in the books and describing the characters. You could help children at home by asking them questions about the book they are reading.

Children will be writing pieces of work including poems, narrative stories and a variety of non-fiction texts.

Children will also be practising forming letters correctly and spelling words from the year 4 word list correctly. You could help at home by practising handwriting with children and choosing some of the spellings from the year 4 word list to practise with your child.

RE & PSHE

In RE children will be hearing a range of stories from the Bible and discussing the meaning of them in order to increase their understanding of Christianity.

This term, children will also learn about what it is like to be a Jew, studying various aspects of Judaism.

Science

Our topic for Science this half term is the about the human body. We will focus on learning the names and functions of human teeth and other parts of the human digestive system.



Reading

Your child will bring home a reading book to read to you. These books are chosen carefully based on assessments to help your child make the best progress with their reading. We would appreciate it if you could listen to your child read regularly and record brief comments in their reading record to let the teacher know how your child is getting on.

We will continue to encourage reading at home through our Reading Rainbow initiative.

The children will continue to develop reading comprehension skills during English lessons and Reciprocal Reading sessions, where the children read in small supported groups.