

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so pleased to see the children following their Summer break and back enthusiastic to learn! If you have any questions, as always, please come and speak to us.

Autumn 1 in Year 4				
Our topic is: Deadly 60				
English	Maths	Science		Geography
<p>In English we will use the book 'Deadly 60' as inspiration for all our work. We will write a non-chronological report, exploring how to use the features of non-fiction writing.</p> <p>Fiction writing</p> <p>We introduce speech marks and how to use them, alongside deepening our understanding of descriptive language. We will broaden children's knowledge of the use of conjunctions to join ideas.</p>	<p>In Maths we will explore methods to help us add and subtract across two and three digit numbers. We shall also focus on place value up to 1000, looking at what the different digits represent and how to use this to order numbers. Times Table practice will remain constant over the year to help prepare children for end of Y4 expectations.</p>	<p>Our Science for this term is centred on, 'Living Things in their Habitats.' The main focus for this will be deadly Australian animals. We will be looking at classification of animals, how and where they live and how they have adapted in order to live and survive.</p>		<p>Geography provides us with an opportunity to look at the continent of Australia; The children will learn about physical, human geography and will compare the UK to Australia. We shall be using maps and atlases to learn how to use; keys, symbols and grid references.</p>
PE	RE	Music	Art	PSHE
<p>In PE this term we will be focusing on invasion games, with an emphasis on working as an effective team. We look at appropriate attacking and effective defending skills.</p>	<p>In RE we shall assess what 'Divinity' means within the Christian religion. Miracle stories will be used to help the children to understand this concept.</p>	<p>The children will sing call-and-response song in groups, holding long notes confidently.</p> <p>Play melodic and rhythmic accompaniments to a song. Listen and identify where notes in the melody of the song go down and up</p>	<p>We will design and create our own pictures and paintings inspired by traditional Aboriginal art and contemporary Australian artists</p>	<p>During PSHE children will work in pairs and groups to discover what constitutes positive physical health and wellbeing. Mental wellbeing is a theme that is further explored within our 'Thrive' sessions</p>

How can I help my child at home?

Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet, that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer.

Useful websites:

BugClub

TT Rock Stars

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.topmarks.co.uk

Homework, home-reading and PE.

A homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of half term. Each week your child can choose an activity from this grid and complete it.

Homework books are to be handed in every **Monday**. They shall be returned as soon as possible. Homework can also be completed online and handed in as an attachment on Google Classroom.

Year 4 have PE on a **Thursday**. Your child needs to bring their PE kit into school on these days.

Home Help!

Reading and Book Talk:

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at home. It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy and enthusiastic readers, and hope that children are able to read a variety of genres to broaden their reading experiences. Please don't forget, whenever you read at home your child should fill in a section of their Reading Booklet. As well as home-school reading books, anything that children read can count towards entries on the card. We would love to see the amount of booklets we receive increase this term.

Home Reading Books

During Autumn 1, we will be continuing to set homeschool reading books online at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Student logins will be stuck in the front of Homework Books.