



HILL HOUSE SCHOOL

6 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 4 – Michaelmas Term Curriculum Overview

Welcome to Year 4!

We would like to wish all our families a warm welcome back to school. We have lots of exciting things happening this term. In addition to the curriculum overview there are a number of things below which you should find useful.

Year Four will be going on a trip to link with their History topic - Stone Age to Iron Age. They will go to visit Creswell Crags on Thursday 12 September. Please see the trip letter on the website.

Homework is slightly different to Year 3. The children will have two lots of formal homework per week (Tuesday and Friday) which are to last approximately 40 minutes. Homework is expected to be returned to school within two days. They will also have the usual spellings, reading and times tables.

Your child has been given a homework diary which will be filled in during the school week. We ask that you check through it with them over the weekend, ensuring all tasks are complete. There is an optional space for parental comments, should you require this. Please sign it each week ready to be checked on a Monday. Your child will receive a house point for remembering to obtain your signature! The diary should be in school every day. The new diaries also contain their reading records.

On a practical note please send Games bags into school on Monday. They will return home that afternoon. Please ensure your child arrives at school on Wednesday in **full** PE kit and Friday in **full** Games kit (and tracksuit) in preparation for their lessons. They will need to bring their uniform in their Games bag to change afterwards, please remember if uniform is missing; the children will lose a house point.

We hope to have your continued support throughout the year and, as always, please do not hesitate to see us if you have any queries or problems.

Yours faithfully

Mrs D Smith Mrs C Leach
Year 4 Teachers



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Mathematics	<p>This term the Mathematics curriculum will include place value, addition and subtraction, consolidation of work previously undertaken and extending skills and knowledge.</p> <p>Children will be grouped into three ability sets. These may be slightly different to last year due to the arrival of several new children as well as having three sets this year. However, these groups are fluid and may be subject to change.</p>
English	<p>In Michaelmas term the English curriculum will include informative texts, instructional writing, poetry writing and play scripts. The play scripts have cross curricular links to Drama and Religious Education.</p> <p>Children will be grouped in ability sets for spelling.</p>
Science	<p>The children will begin the term looking at 'Where does food go?' This looks at digestion, food and animals. Then they will move on to 'Human impact' and the affect humans have on the world.'</p>
History	<p>Our History takes the children back in time to the prehistoric ages where they begin with the Stone Age and then move through the times and finish at the Iron Age. This topic will include a trip to Creswell Crags.</p>
Geography	<p>Geography will be a study of biomes focusing on deserts and then rainforests. The children will look at typical climates, formations and the impact that the weather and humans can have on these areas.</p>
European Languages	<p>French lessons will focus on family members and monsters. The first term, Year 4 will be also learning German. This will include greetings and basic language skills.</p>
ICT	<p>Children will develop their publishing skills to support various curriculum subjects and will gain an introduction to coding.</p>
Sport	<p>In Michaelmas term the boys main sport is Rugby and the Girls is Hockey. During PE lessons, the focus is on fitness.</p>
Art	<p>The children will begin with self-portraits and then they will move on to art work linking to the Stone Age, before finally entering the Christmas period and completing a variety of Christmas crafts.</p>
RE	<p>Religious Education this term will be a study of Christianity with a focus on bible stories.</p>
Drama	<p>Children will develop their basic drama skills learned in previous years which will then focus on slow motion, mirror work, mime and group performances.</p>

Music

Music lessons will be split into four areas. Listening - Baroque Era; Theory - Time Values, Time Signatures, Melody writing; Recorder Work; Singing.

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'Thinking positive' is the first topic that the children will engage with.