

# Firfield Primary School

## Autumn Term 1 – Curriculum News

### Year 4

#### Overview

Welcome back! I hope that you had a lovely summer and a chance to recharge your batteries ready for a jam-packed term with new topics and new ways of learning.



#### Numeracy

In Numeracy this term we will be focusing on Place Value. We will learn to represent, partition, place, estimate, compare and order numbers to 10,000. We will learn how to find 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than a given number. Next we will round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will also learn about Roman Numerals.

At the end of the term we will move onto looking at addition and subtraction, starting with mentally adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s. We will then add and subtract two 4-digit numbers using a formal written method. We will also estimate and check our answers.



#### Literacy

Literacy will look a little different this year. We are now using more books to underpin our learning journey. Over the next 7 weeks we are going to be using “Bill’s New Frock” to develop our narratives writing, and improve our grammatical knowledge and develop our skills of writing instructions. We will also use “The Story of Tutankhamun” to write letters, diaries and recounts.

#### Guided Reading

This term we will be studying “Matilda” by Roald Dahl. As we work through this book we will develop our DERIC skills (Decoding, Explain, Retrieve, Infer, Choice of words)

#### Science

In our lessons this term, we will continue to develop our scientific vocabulary and the way we work scientifically.

We will be focussing on Light. When looking at this topic, we will learn how shadows are formed and investigate how shadows can change size.

#### Humanities

Our Geography focus this term will be developing our essential spatial skills, recognising geographical tools on a globe, to understand scales on a map, use grid references, recognise key features of the local area and to know how our local area has changed over time.



Our History unit is Ancient Egypt, where we will be kicking off our topic with an immersive and interactive day of learning with Partake. In our lessons this term, we will answer the question “What can we learn about the Ancient Egyptians from what they left behind?”

#### Physical Education

Our PE days this term are;

Outdoor - Tuesday (pm) – Ball Skills  
Indoor – Friday (pm) - Gymnastics



Please can you ensure that your child has a PE Kit in school on these days. A white top, navy or black shorts, plimsolls for indoor and trainers for outdoor. A warm sweatshirt/hoodie (Black/navy) for outdoor sessions. If children wish to bring a second water bottle on these days, then that is brilliant.

## PSHE

This term we are looking at 'Being Me in My World'. We will be following the Jigsaw programme to deliver these sessions.

## Computing

During this term we will be developing our programming skills using Turtle and Robomind. We will also be learning how to 'debug' programs when they are not running correctly.

## Art

Our art topic is closely linked with our History topic, where we will learn about Ancient Egyptian artwork as well as how they made paper.

## Design Technology

Through design technology, we will be planning, designing and making a product which children will then evaluate the successes and make suggestions for improvements.

## Music

As musicians this term, Birch class will be learning how to play an instrument through our Wider Opportunities for Music Partnership. This will run for 15 weeks and then Elm class have their turn until the end of the school year.



## Business Enterprise

As part of our broadening curriculum we are learning about business enterprise. We would love to host a few parents to talk with the children about the different jobs that they do and what skills children need to take on that job role in the future. If you could help out with this, then please speak to a member of staff and we can take it from there.

## Religious Education

As part of Religious Education this term we will be exploring the question 'What can we learn from religions about right and wrong?' This will help us develop our knowledge of the world's religions.

## Behaviour

Our three School rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe are important to us. We will be looking closely at how we can show we are following them at all times and ensuring that we are using every second of the day to learn and grow. There are posters up around school which help us remember how to behave.



## Contact

You can contact the class teachers through the use of Class Dojo and staff will respond to you within 24 hours. If there are more urgent messages, including absences or lateness, these should be sent to the school office. Events, key updates, reminders and activities from within the classroom will regularly be shared on the class story. Should you wish to come and speak to a member of staff about anything in person, please feel free to drop in to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

## Important Dates

Partake Ancient Egypt Day – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Book Fair – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Book Evening – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October