

Hemlington Hall Academy

Year 4 - Autumn Newsletter

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Out in the Wilds

Year 4 will escape the classroom this Autumn and be outside in all weathers for our 'Out in the Wilds' topic. On Friday afternoons, we will brave the great outdoors but we will first teach the children how to dress correctly for all weathers. We will advise you when the outdoor sessions begin. Activities will support our learning in English, Maths, Science, Geography, Art and DT.



English

Our focus throughout Year 4 will be to encourage writing stamina and develop positive attitudes towards writing. Spelling will also be high on our agenda with a big push on the statutory spelling list in addition to weekly spellings. A copy will be sent home soon so you can practise at home with your child.

Maths

We're off to a good start with securing our understanding of number and in particular, place value. As ever, we remain focussed on our aim of the children knowing their times tables up to 12 X 12 by the end of year 4 so please continue to support your child to learn them at home too.



Science

Our Science topic this half term is 'Living Things and Their Habitats' which we will cover through our work in

'Out in the Wilds'. Children need to know the seven life processes which all living things demonstrate, 'MRS GREN' will help them with this. Ask your child about her!



Spellings

New spellings will be sent home on Fridays, practised throughout the week and tested on the following Friday. We will follow the Year 4 'Spell Zoo' programme where we will find word lists based on homophones and a variety of prefixes and suffixes.



Reading Records

We expect children to read at least three times per week at home, but ideally every day. Reading books can be changed on **any day** and reading records are checked on Thursdays for evidence of reading.



Homework

Homework is collected on Thursdays and new homework set the same day. If absent or any additional copies are required, children must collect copies from our 'spares' tray.



PSHE

As part of our SMSC curriculum, we will be revisiting the NSPCC 'Talk Pants' lesson which teaches children important messages like their body belongs to them and they should tell an adult if they are worried or upset. It also covers the 'underpants rule'. If you have any concerns, please speak to a member of the team.

PE

Our regular PE day is **Tuesday**.

Children will wear their PE kit which has been provided by school.

Jewellery must not be worn!

Anyone wearing studs must remove them for PE

iPad apps

Children will all soon been given an iPad for use in school. We use them to assist learning in a number of different ways. The apps we use in school can be downloaded at home for extra practise. Here is a quick round up of the ones we use most often:

- Showbie
- Explain Everything
- Squeebles
- I am learning Maths/English
- Morfo
- Book Creator
- Kodable

