

# Welcome to Class 8's Spring Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are now settled into Year 4 and have already made fantastic progress! We are very proud of them all. Year 4 is an exciting and busy year, and so we want to support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school matters through school letters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Year 4 through a newsletter. Remember we will be using Google Classroom for regular updates.

Thank you, Miss Sawdon, Miss Hobson and Mrs Kay.



# Maths

We are focusing on multiplication and division, area, fractions and decimals this term. Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily to improve our rapid recall skills. By the end of Year 4 we expect children to know all times table facts up to 12x12. Children will sit a statutory multiplication test in June to check their knowledge.

Times tables tests will be completed frequently to practise quick recall. Please support your child in learning their times tables – you could quiz them on the way to and from school!

TTRockstars is a brilliant way of having fun whilst learning times tables. Look out for battles against other classes!





This term, we will look at the genres of storywriting, diary entries, letters, poetry, persuasive posters and non-chronological reports. All our writing will link to our Geography topic, Extreme Weathers.

In our reading sessions we will practise comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text.

Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practised daily in class. We will now be moving on to spellings from the Year 4 word lists and explore how sentences can be written using different structures.

Finally, we will be encouraging all children to speak clearly in full sentences, as this is a focus we are having throughout the year.

## Science

During the Spring term we will be learning about Electricity. We will be building our own circuits.

We will then be exploring Living Things and their habitats.



## PSHE

This term in PSHE we will be exploring how we continue to explore our health and wellbeing, living in the wider world and how to maintain good friendships with others.





Our first topic that we will look at this term is Journeys (Local Church). In this topic, we will look at the journey we take through the Liturgical Year. We will also take some time to explore the Eucharist and the importance of Holy Communion.

In our Lent/Easter, we will focus on Lent as a time of giving more to those in need.

#### PE

This term in PE the children will be busting a move to Urban Kaos. We are already very excited about performing our dance routine!

We will then move on to tennis and learn a range of techniques and rules of the game.

P.E lessons will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and a Wednesday afternoon, so remember to have PE Kits in school (White tops/red shorts and trainers).

## French

Bonjour! In French we will be learning about different celebrations and French cities. We will also continue to practice numbers to 30 and days of the week.

Au revoir!



#### Art, Music and D&T

Art will be based around Japanese artist, Hokusai. The children will explore painting and collage skills.

In Music the children will be listening to rap music and learning the play the recorder.

In D&T children will be learning how to use a range of materials to create an item of clothing.

## Computing

This term, we will be exploring the use of data and programming.

Please encourage safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks. Thank you.

## History & Geography

This term our geography topics is Extreme Weathers. We will learn more about earthquakes, tsunamis, droughts, floods and hurricanes. We will explore what effect these haven't on our world today!

#### Homework

**Reading** is very important! Please listen to your child read regularly and ensure they bring their reading book and record to school every day. It would be appreciated if you could also write a comment to let us know how your child is getting on at home with their reading. Children are now expected to access Reading Plus at home to complete to ensure they complete 3 reading lessons per week at home.

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday and your child will be tested on the following Thursday. Please help your child to learn their words each week for the test.

#### Important Dates!

Don't forget to visit our website for more information: <u>https://ctking.npcat.org.uk/</u>