

# YEAR 4

YEAR 4'S CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to OLSJ and the start of a new academic year. It is great to see all the children again, they are all really enjoying being back with their classmates. I am very impressed how quickly they have adapted and settled back in after such a long break.

This term we will really be focussing on English and maths, trying to help the children catch up on their learning. We will also be spending a lot of time working on mental health through discussion, artwork and mindfulness exercises. It is so important the children feel comfortable and happy at school.

## RE

Our topic this half term is 'Domestic Church-Family' with a focus on people. Then we will be moving on to a week on 'Judaism'. After half term, we will look at 'Baptism/Confirmation' before finishing the term with 'Advent/ Christmas.'

## English

We will explore a range of texts this term looking at fiction and non-fiction styles. We will also be doing a lot of reflective writing to work on our mindfulness. We will start the term looking at the book 'Here we are', which is a lovely book which focusses on all the amazing things on the planet. We are also going to start working on a new reading programme 'Destination reader'.

## Maths

Following the curriculum, and 'White Rose Maths' we will be concentrating on number and the four operations for most of the term. We will initially focus on place value before moving onto addition and subtraction. Children must know all their times tables really well by the end of Year 4. There is a test in June. Children should practice their times tables every day at home. Mental maths tests will also take place in class once a week.



## ICT

We will continue to look at coding in the classroom and link our work to design technology.

## Art

Our Art lessons will be linked to English/ History and RE lessons. Giving us a big range of topics to cover.

## History/ Geography

Our topic is on The Romans. We will learn about how they changed Britain. In geography, we are going to learn about volcanoes.

## Science

Our topic is 'Animals, including humans'. We will learn about digestion and the digestive system.'

**Homework** is given out once a week: every Thursday to be handed in on Monday and spellings/times tables are handed out at the same time for the following Friday's test. Work must be returned on time to allow enough time for marking.

**P.E** is every Tuesday morning with Mr. James. Children must come to school in their PE kits. They will stay in their kits for the remainder of the day.

## Spanish

This term we will reviewing work on greetings and practising dialogue on the weather and transport.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK.

KIND REGARDS,

MR ROOK, YEAR 4 CLASS TEACHER.