

SALTERHEBBLE JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL

CURRICULUM COVERAGE – Autumn 2018

Class: **Year 4**

Teacher: **Mrs Hayes**

Date: **September 2018**

Maths

This term we will be continuing to use Assertive Mentoring to locate the gaps in the children's knowledge. The teaching will depend on the gaps in your child's knowledge, as well as covering the age-related areas of the Maths curriculum.

We will also be working hard on improving problem solving strategies and learning our times tables.

Place Value, The four operations, Shape, Time and Statistics will all be covered this term.

Literacy

We will be looking at Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry units entitled Image Poems, Fables, Imaginative Stories, Instructions and Information and Biography this term.

In Guided Reading we will be focussing on 'The BFG' and 'The Twits'.

The children will have daily spelling lessons this term and will have spellings linked to a spelling rule to learn at home.

Handwriting will also be a focus this term.

Science

Living things and their habitats

Children will recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways, explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment and recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Geography and History

In History, we'll be finding out about the importance of rivers to ancient civilisations, the daily life of Ancient Egyptians, the different rulers of Egypt, Ancient Egyptian religion and burials and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We will also be learning how to write using Egyptian hieroglyphics and exploring how the pyramids were built. We will use sources to find out about Ancient Sumer and compare life in Ancient Sumer with life in Ancient Egypt.

Topic: Temples, Tombs and Treasures

Computing

The children will be working with Mr Pilkington. They will start with an introduction to spreadsheets and then move on to coding.

RE – Words of Wisdom PSHCE

This unit uses examples of 'words of wisdom' from Sikhs, Christians and Muslims to enable pupils to think for themselves about sources of guidance or wisdom in their own lives. Stories and sayings from the religions are used, not for skills of recall and memory, but for the opportunity they provide to reflect upon the pupils' own values and experiences.

Music

We will be exploring rhythmic patterns and arrangements. As part of our topic work we will also be learning about the instruments used in Ancient Egypt and Ancient Sumer and will create our own music to retell a story from an ancient civilisation.



Games/P.E.

The children will have swimming lessons until February Half Term. Their PE lesson will be on a Thursday afternoon. The children will work with Commando Joe on games and team building activities.

Art and Design and Technology

We will be creating our own tomb wall painting and making an Ancient Egyptian headdress.

We will also be looking at Ancient Egyptian architecture including tombs and pyramids.

French

The children will learn vocabulary around the topics of zoo animals, family and parts of the body.

You can help by...ensuring that your child comes to school with the equipment needed everyday (planners, homework, PE kit etc) and helping your child with their homework. We will listen to your child read as often as possible, and it would help if you encourage your child to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books and ask questions about the text that they are reading. It would also help if you ensure that your child knows their times tables. Helping your child to research further the topics that are being covered in class. If you have any issues please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Please turn over for more information about how you can support your child at home.

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PE kit is needed in schools at all times, particularly for their PE lessons on a Thursday. We have a policy of no jewellery for PE lessons; any jewellery **must** be removed and not covered up with tape. Children will need trainers and full PE kit in school as we will take every opportunity to do outdoor PE.

Year 4 will go swimming until February Half Term. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit in school on **Wednesdays**.

Homework

- Reading – children will be expected to read for a minimum of 15 minutes per day, which is a consistent homework throughout Key Stage 2. Please **sign their reading journal** to show that they have done this. We will check the journals every day to see that the reading has been completed. Once your child has read their book they will need to complete one of the reading tasks (stuck into the front of the journal) before they will be allowed to change their book. This should also be done in their reading journal.
- SPaG homework and Why Questions will all be given out on a Friday (Purple A4 homework book). There will also be tasks set on Education City for the children to complete. Please check that you child has completed these tasks ready to be handed in on **Thursday mornings**.
- Assertive Mentoring Maths (blue A4 book) – each week a copy of your child's Assertive mentoring challenge will be sent home. Could you please work through any corrections with your child? I will be sending home a prompt sheet to help them. It is really important that working out is shown so that if mistakes are made I can see where your child has gone wrong. If your child is really struggling with a question and you are struggling to explain, they are welcome to come and see me and I will work through it with them. The blue book will come home on a Monday and will need to be brought back into school on a **Friday**.

A copy of this home timetable has been stuck into your child's planner (hopefully it will help);

Day	What am I taking to school?	What am I bringing home?
Mon	1) Planner and Reading Record 2) Reading Book	1) Planner and Reading Record 2) Reading Book 3) Assertive Mentoring Homework Book (Blue A4 Book)
Tue	1) Planner and Reading Record 2) Reading Book	1) Planner and Reading Record 2) Reading Book
Wed	1) Planner and Reading Record 2) Reading Book 3) Swimming Kit (Until February Half Term)	1) Planner and Reading Record 2) Reading Book 3) Swimming Kit to wash
Thu	1) Planner and Reading Record 2) Reading Book 3) Purple Homework Book 4) PE Kit (if I took it home for some reason).	1) Planner and Reading Record 2) Reading Book
Fri	1) Planner and Reading Record 2) Reading Book 3) Assertive Mentoring Maths Homework Book (Blue A4 book)	1) Planner and Reading Record 2) Reading Book 3) Purple Homework Book

As always, my door is always open so if you have any queries, comments, concerns etc please do not hesitate to contact me. The planners are checked every day so this is also a good form of communication between home and school.

Many thanks,

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