



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 4 – Curriculum Letter – Spring Term 2023

Welcome to the spring term in Year 4! The purpose of this curriculum letter is to give you useful information relating to your child's learning over the coming term.

Reminders:

- As last term, **home learning activities** will be sent home on a Friday, to be completed by the following Thursday.
- Our **P.E. days** will continue to be on **Monday** and swimming on **Thursday** with some additional sessions this half term, with our amazing dance teacher, Rachael Royce every **Friday**. On Thursdays, we will continue to meet at Westgate leisure Centre for swimming, as we did last term.
- Please send a written note if your child has a verruca and cannot do P.E. barefooted or if your child is unable to take part in P.E. for a medical reason. For safety reasons, no watches or jewellery should be worn during P.E. lessons. If your child wears earrings, then these need to be removed for all P.E. including swimming.
- **Regular reading** is essential, reading with your child can help to improve their fluency, confidence and understanding. Reading does not always have to be just from a book, it can be a magazine or children's newspaper.
- It is important that your child practises their **times tables** regularly as we continue to approach the Year 4 Multiplication Check in the Summer term. Some fun websites we use to improve fluency are '**TT Rockstars**' (login is in the front of their home learning book) and '**Hit the Button**'. You can also find practise the Multiplication Check layout by typing '**The Maths Factor Times Table Check**' into Google.



This term:

In the first half of this term, we are putting on our warm clothes and diving into the world of Antarctica to investigate the life of Ernest Shackleton and his expedition in our Geography learning theme, 'Mountain Explorers!'. We will have a main focus on Shackleton as an explorer, whilst also identifying mountain ranges across the world, comparing these to the conditions in the United Kingdom. We will be writing letters to explorers, making information posters, going on a virtual walk up Mt Snowdon and learning all about how mountains are formed.



In the second half of the spring term, our learning theme will be named 'Potions'. This is a Science based theme all about the changing states of matter. In this unit we will be learning through hands-on science activities and experiments. We will be creating our own marvellous potions and observing their changing states and writing instructions on how to create these.

Ideas for supporting your child's learning:

- Keep reading regularly with your child at home.
- Encourage your child to practise their times tables.
- Find out about Shackleton's Journey together by reading books and researching the topic on the internet.

If you have any questions as the term progresses, or would like to discuss anything with me, please catch me at the end of the school day, or contact the office to make an appointment, if it is more convenient.

Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for a very happy 2023.

Miss Weir