



Head Teacher: Mrs D Reynolds - BSc Hons QTS NPQH

*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following what was hopefully a relaxing and enjoyable summer break, we are excited to launch ourselves back into our new learning theme for Autumn Term 2014.

### **MAIN LEARNING THEME – ‘World Kitchen’**

Year 4 will be learning about food around the world with this term’s main learning theme. To launch the topic, the children will experience some ‘Master Chef – Knowledge and Skills’ type activities. The theme will be linked across our Literacy (non-fiction), Science, art, MFL (modern foreign language) and extended writing work and will incorporate the main focus in geography. Religious Education will be taught this year using the new Peterborough Guidelines.

### **Areas of study for the first half of the autumn term will include:**

- Atlas work
- Global food issues
- Food preparation skills
- Food origins
- Fair Trade

### **KEY VOCABULARY FOR LEARNING THEME:**

Geography, Fair trade, World, International, Spanish greetings, Continent, Ocean, Country, Mass, Population, Atlas, Index, Map, Coordinates, Grid reference, Continent, Traditional food, Native, Climate, Farming conditions, Summary, Tagxedo, Social, Ethnic, Food habits, War time, Rationing, Refrigeration, Working habits, Lifestyle changes, Media, Ingredients, Country of origin, Import, Export, Distance, Measure, Famine, Hunger, Charity, Campaign, Persuade, Inform, Share, Evaluate, Traditional, Tastes, Cuisines, Similarities, Differences, Culture.

### **MATHS**

The main objectives are as follows: number and place value; calculations; fractions; measurement; geometry; statistics. We will also be focussing on mental maths and times tables. We will be working on **place value, rounding, mental calculation methods, multiplication and division facts, properties of shapes and measurement**. The children will also learn to apply these to written problems and real life situations. Children across school will also continue to work regularly in small groups on our Assertive Mentoring programme.

### **ENGLISH**

The Read, Write Inc Literacy and Language programme has continued to be a great success through the school, and in year 3 the children have embraced it well. The partner work and focused vocabulary have helped to embed skills learnt in previous years and develop their comprehension and writing skills even further. This term, year 4 will be studying **dilemma stories** and **information texts**. Some home reading that would support this could be ‘The Egyptian Cinderella’ – Shirley Climo and Ruth Heller; ‘Snow White in New York’ – Fiona French; ‘Snow White’ – Josephine Poole and Angela Barrett; any children’s magazine.

### **TRIPS**

This term the year 3 and 4 classes will have the opportunity of taking part in the ‘Rock-n-Roll’ music event help in conjunction with the PYC (Peterborough Youth Choir) in the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> October. There are also two ‘Gifted and Talented’ singing days that a small group of children will be involved in on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October. All these events are totally free of charge though you will have the opportunity to buy tickets to see the children perform at the end of the main event day.

Next term we are hoping to visit the Peterborough museum in November, the details of which will be confirmed in the next curriculum letter.



## **PE**

Children will continue to partake in two hours of PE each week. Please remind your child that they should bring their PE kit into school on a Monday, **leave it in school all week** then take it home to be washed on a Friday. This way, if we choose to do extra PE, the children will have their kit in school.

This should consist of:

- Plain white top
- Black or grey shorts
- Black or grey long bottoms for the colder weather
- Long sleeved top for the colder weather
- Spare white socks
- Plimsolls / trainers

Can we remind you that school rules state that, for the safety of your child, earrings need to be removed for PE (which needs to be done independently) or plasters (provided by home) need to cover the earrings. Children with long hair will also be asked to ensure that it is tied back. Could you please ensure that **all** kit is clearly named and are checked on a regular basis.

## **PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT**

To make our topic come to life, when you go shopping, you could look at where the food comes from and discuss why we buy from there. Also getting involved in the home learning projects with your child can make it a more fun and meaningful activity. It would also be helpful if you could discuss the preparation of meals you cook at home so your child learn about different skills involved in preparing different types of food. If any of your family members have experience in the food industry, with importing/exporting goods or food from another culture, please let us know if you would be willing to come into school and help enhance our learning. Our assembly to celebrate our learning will take a very different format to usual and will be based on the 'Ready Steady Cook' television programme. This will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 1:45pm. It would be great if you could join us in a fun end to the topic.

## **HOME LEARNING**

Your child will receive a termly POWER project which will be given out on the first Wednesday of the term. This consists of a number of tasks for them to choose from which will enable them to earn POWER points. This term's project is called **Food Around the World**. These activities are not compulsory, but are a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning. The way in which the work is presented is entirely up to the child; the more creative the better!

In addition to this, every Wednesday the children will be given a literacy and maths task which is due the following Wednesday, and they will be awarded house points for their efforts on these tasks. This home learning is expected to be completed at home and handed in on time by the due date. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break times. Can you please ensure that your child completes the literacy/maths home learning each week. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

## **BREAK TIMES**

Children may bring in a snack to eat at morning break but it must be a healthy option, and remember that we are a nut free school. Also, a Hot Meal option is available every day for your child's lunch, but it must be booked and paid for in advance.

## **HAVE A GREAT START TO THE YEAR AND HAVE FUN!!**

**I am excited to be moving to year 4 and look forward to us all starting this term in the positive way, full of new and exciting learning opportunities; which we are certain will continue throughout the year.**

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Dunkley  
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