Class 4 Curriculum Update January 2020



Values: Sustainability and gratitude

Everything is awesome!

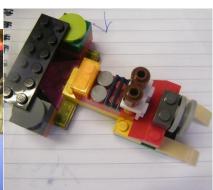
Lego and theme parks will be driving our learning this term. The opportunity to play and discover while we learn is one that the children and adults are looking forward to. We will start with exploring the Lego resources we have in school and this will allow us to deepen our understanding of the very popular and successful toy as we research the history of Lego. The writing opportunities that will come from this will be to write about the history of Lego; the key people involved in developing the product and adventure stories. We will compare the UK to Denmark as we research the origins of Lego and our artwork will see us designing patterns and following them to create mosaics and cross-stitch artwork.











${\tt Homework}$

Weekly homework: TT Rockstars, reading for a minimum of 15 minutes per day, Spelling Shed and continue to learn the year 3/4 common exception words.

Research project: research the creator of Lego - Ole Kirk Christiansen. Find out as much as you can about him and make notes so that we can write interesting biographies in class. We will do additional research in school too. Have this in school on Monday $27^{\rm th}$ January 2020.

Date for the diary:

Young Voices: 15th January

Class assembly: Wednesday 4th March

Timetables Testing: Week commencing 8^{th} June 2020 - further details will be shared

closer to the time. Keep playing TT Rockstars to prepare yourself for this.

Friday mornings

The rota for a Friday morning Forest School is as follows:

10 th Jan	17 th Jan	24 th Jan	31 st Jan	7 th Feb	14 th Feb
Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3

The other groups will be doing Hockey and Maths. The children know if they are in Group 1, 2 or 3.

When the children have Forest School, please could they come to school in appropriate, old, warm clothes and bring wellies and bring spare socks (these can be left in school at all times).



PΕ

All children need to have their PE kit in school every day because there are times that changes are made to the timetable.

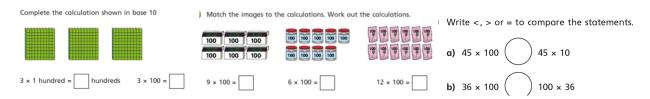
Wednesday - gymnastics. Indoor PE kit needed. White t-shirt and black shorts.

Friday - Hockey. Outdoor PE kit needed. White t-shirt and in these colder months the children **MUST** have black tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a jumper. Remember to bring socks if you are wearing tights.

Please make sure all kit is all clearly named.

Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on multiplication and division over the next few weeks. We will revise multiplying and dividing by 10 or 100 (a thousand if you are really challenging yourself) before morning on to using more formal written methods to solve reasoning problems as the weeks progress. The following You Tube video gives a clear explanation of how we explain multiplying and dividing. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbPLPUqwhZ4. Please take a look and do some extra practise with your child if possible or get your child to watch the video and have a go alongside the teacher. Examples of questions your children will be working on are below:



Multiplication tables

Learning all multiplication tables to 12x12 will also be a priority, as we get closer to the Government checks that will take place later this school year. Children need to be able to answer these questions within 6 seconds. Keep using TT Rockstars to practise this - you are all doing so well we need to keep up the hard work.

40 Reads

I cannot say enough how important it is for your child to read daily at home. Please help them to do this.



Science

Your children have been really enjoying Science especially the practical activities that we have planned. Therefore, we are hoping your children will get more involved at home. Over the next few weeks watch out for the new science book coming home with your child - we really hope you can get involved.

This is optional while we trial it. The children, who are keen to take part, have volunteered.

All instructions will be included in the book but please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.



I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and are looking forward to the new year. We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you all for your very kind gifts and Christmas wishes at the end of last term.

Mrs Lee and the Year 4 team $\,$