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New City Primary School

Year group: 4 Autumn Term 2019

Welcome back to school. This term we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

Mathematics	English	Science
Children will read, write and understand the place value numbers up to 10, 000. They will engage in practical activities involving measurements, ordering and comparing units of measure and rounding numbers. We will also work on strategies around key skills such as adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Children will add and subtract numbers using a range of mental and formal strategies and will apply this knowledge to solving everyday problems.	The children will be reading a range of narratives such as Jesse Came Across The Sea, Esio Trot and The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. They will study and write their own stories based on these narrative texts and will also explore features of non-fiction texts such as instructional and persuasive writing. To help your child improve, it is important that they read everyday at home and learn their spellings every week.	In Autumn 1, Year 4 will be learning about 'Materials' and their states of matter. They will identify solids, gases and liquids and discuss and explore the properties of each. They will also identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. In Autumn 2, we will learn about sound. The children will explore what sound is, how vibrations travel to our ear and how we can alter volume and pitch. The children will work on their ability to plan, carry out and evaluate a fair test and use scientific vocabulary.
Art/DT/Geography/History/Music		
In History, the children will be researching and learning about the Vikings. They will investigate the impact the Vikings had when they invaded Britain. Geography will be taught in Autumn 2 where the children will be learning about California and its climate making comparisons with our capital city, London. They will study earthquakes and extreme weather and also begin to understand the human and physical implications of tourism. In art, the children will be using a range of media to create an art work in the style of a specific artist. During DT we will be making rubber band boats. We will be exploring properties of material that are best suited for floating as well as carry out research on mechanisms to make a suitable propeller. In Music the children will be learning to play the recorder throughout the term.		
P.E	Religious Education	PSHCE
In P.E. the children will be studying body shapes and invasion games through gymnastics and netball. After half term they will be focussing on Stamina and invasion skills through keep fit and basketball. Please ensure your child has appropriate PE clothing.	In R.E, children will be learning about the Bible and why it is special to Christians; we will also reflect on what influences our lives and how we can have a positive influence on our community.	In Autumn 1, we will be learning about new beginnings. We will reflect and set goals for self-improvement. We will also explore how rules and laws affect us. We will discuss and understand the need for laws in society and understand the consequences for breaking laws and rules.
Computing	MFL	Homework
In Computing this autumn term, we will be learning about developing a computer game. We will start to debug computer programs and recognise the importance of user interface design, including consideration of input and output. In Autumn 2 we will be designing and making an on-screen prototype of a computer- controlled toy.	Children will be studying personal interests this term including 'All About Me'. They will practise expressing themselves clearly and coherently using familiar words and expressions. They will also be exploring music interests and using familiar words and expressions to produce brief rehearsed messages as well as compare pop music to traditional Chinese music.	Each day children are expected to do some homework. Spellings and writing should be recorded in your child's homework book. Books will be changed regularly by the children. Please use the homework book to record any concerns or comments. The homework schedule is as follows: Monday- Spellings Tuesday- Reading Wednesday- Athletics (online) Thursday- Counting/Times Tables Friday- Writing
	Educational Visits	
	Planned visits linked to the curriculum areas being studied this autumn term are due to take place. More detailed information (including where and when) will be provided nearer the time.	



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