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## New City Primary School Year group: 4 Autumn Term 2023

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.

English	Maths	Science
Year 4 will be looking at the authors: Konnie Huq, Polly Ho-Yen and Michael Rosen throughout the year. They will also explore authors such as Tony Bradman and Jeff Kinney. The children will read Viking Boy, a text linked to the History topic. They will study and create their own narrative with historical settings. The children will also learn about the features of non-fiction texts, such as instructional and persuasive writing. They will explore narrative texts and apply their knowledge of fiction writing to create their own narratives. The children will discuss how the author catches the reader's attention by analysing the language used; they will also read and perform a range of poetry.	The children will read, write and understand the place value of 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 working on the topic of living things and their habitats. Their Scientist focus will be Jane Goodall. We will be classifying and grouping invertebrates. Then we will be learning about the impact of humans on habitats and the world. In Autumn 2, the topic will be 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.
History & Geography	Computing	PE
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.	At the start of the Autumn term, children learn all about the internet and recognise it as a network of networks, including the World Wide Web, and why we should evaluate online content. They will then move on to creating their own images by manipulating photos and reflecting on the impact of changed and whether the required purpose is fulfilled.	In the first half-term, the children will be studying body shapes and balances and invasion skills. This will be taught through gymnastics and netball. In gymnastics, the children will develop shapes into a gymnastic sequence using balance and counter balance. They will be working individually, in pairs and in groups. In netball, the children will develop skills in ball aim and control. They will practice passing, receiving, marking, defending and shooting. In the second half-term the focus will be on Stamina and Invasion Skills. This will be taught through keep fit and basketball.
Mandarin	Religious Education	PSHE
This term, the children will be looking at how to 'Introduce yourself' and 'Emotions'. They will identify common opposites and describe physical features of a person using adjectives so they can present what they have learned orally to an audience. Through exploring the topic 'Emotions', the children will communicate personal feelings and emotions and plan conversations with peers to apply what they have learned.	In R.E, the 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.	The children will learn about power and authorities within communities. They will look at the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and consider their own rights within their communities. They will consider how their community fits into other local and national communities. Children will also explore strategies to increase self-esteem, resilience and emotional regulation.
Music	Art & DT	Homework
In Music the children will be learning to play the recorder, focussing on reading staff notation and the 12 bar blues.	In Art and Design the children will be looking at Viking Age art and make sculptures in clay of dragonheads that were used placed at the front of longboats. The children will look at excavated examples of dragonheads such as the famous Oseberg ship which was excavated in Oslo, Norway. Later in Autumn 2, the children will create a sculpture in clay of the elephant deity Ganesh in the style of Hindu art. They will make learning links with Religious Education and gain an understanding that art can be influenced by people's religious beliefs.	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.  <b>The homework schedule is as follows:</b> Monday - Spellings Tuesday - Reading Wednesday - Mathematics (online) Thursday - Times Tables (TT Rockstars) Friday - English - Long Write
Educational Visits		
We will be organising trips in the coming term and will inform you of dates and venues when they have been confirmed.		

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