

## **Year 4 Curriculum Overview – Autumn term (1)**

**Our topic this term is:** Sparks Might Fly!

### **English**

This term we will be learning about Narratives (fiction) and Explanation (non-fiction). Our Narrative genre will be based on a suggested text (The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman). We will regularly listen to whole class read aloud; use dictionaries to check meanings of words; sequence and discuss the main events in stories; read and analyse narratives in order to plan and write a narrative based on model text with innovated plot structure. Our non-fiction unit will be based around a range of texts, followed by a writing activity based on an explanation of a process/how something works or is made.

We will also learn a range of spelling from the statutory word list for Years 3 and 4.

### **Maths**

It is very important that by the end of Year 4 the children should know all their times table. There will be opportunities in class for the children to practise these tables. Any practise which your child can do at home will be most beneficial. Our learning this term will be focused on Place Value, Comparing Numbers, Ordering Numbers, Addition and Subtraction, and Multiplication and Division.

We will count forwards and/or backwards in steps of powers of 10 for any given number up to 100,000. We will also be rounding any number up to 100,000 to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will use a variety of methods and resources to help us solve problems.

### **Science**

Throughout this Autumn term 1, we will be learning about electricity. Pupils will learn about common appliances, simple electrical circuit, electrical safety, insulators and conductors, and switches. Pupils will have the opportunity of constructing a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.

### **Topic**

The topic for this half term is called 'Sparks Might Fly!' The majority of the work we do will be based upon this theme. The lead subjects are Geography and Design and Technology. PE, RE, PSHE, Computing, Performing Art, MFL and RHE (Relationships and Health Education) will also be taught. As part of our Relationships, Health Education this half term, the children will be exploring how the family dynamic works including the extended family along with how we can make positive friendships with those around us.

We know that we see you regularly at the start and at the end of the school day and this is a good opportunity to liaise about your children. If you would like to speak to us at greater length, then please arrange an appointment to meet with a member of the Year 4 staff through the office.

We will continue to send home knowledge organisers and homework grids to support children 's learning – please do encourage your children to make best use of these to help them with their learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards,

(Year 4 team)