

Reminders



Homework

- Maths and topic homework is handed out every Friday and is also on the school Website <https://pixmore.herts.sch.uk/classes/year-4/year-4-homework/>
- Completed homework should be posted onto Seesaw by the following Wednesday.
- Homework is not marked in as much detail as your child's normal work but your child may receive house points or special recognition awards for their efforts in their homework.
- If you have any problems or queries please speak to your child's class teacher.

Helping your child with reading

As part of their homework, all pupils are required to read regularly; approximately **15 minutes every day**. As a parent, you can play an important role in helping your child learn to read. Research shows that children who are helped at home make better progress in school. This video has top tips for reading with your child at home. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OG2Q6pPQYw&t=23s>



Pixmore's reading at home top tips include:

- Make reading part of your daily routine
- Be supportive and positive during this time, please comment in their diary.
- If they get stuck on a word, you could:
 - ✓ let them read on so they can work out the word themselves from the context
 - ✓ point to a picture if it will help them guess the meaning
 - ✓ give them the first or last sounds to help them
 - ✓ read the word for them (especially if it is a Proper Name)
 - ✓ when they are confident with sounds, let them sound out unknown words – break longer words down into syllables
 - ✓ do not sound out words which are not phonetic e.g. 'because'
- When a mistake is self-corrected or a previously unknown word is recognised, **praise highly**.
- Encourage expressive reading by drawing attention to punctuation.

P.E.

- Year 4 will have PE on a Tuesday and a Swimming is on Wednesdays.
- They need to come to school wearing their PE kit: house coloured T-Shirt, shorts or school active wear and trainers.
- If the weather is sunny this term, we also advise wearing a sun hat and sun cream and bringing in a water bottle.
- Please ensure that hair is tied up and that your child is not wearing any jewellery, including earrings.

Year 4 Summer Term 2022 Curriculum Update



Important Dates for the Term

May Day Holiday – 2nd May

School class photos – 17th May

INSET DAY – 27th May

Transition Day- 14th July

Break up for Summer Holidays – 21st July @ 2pm

English : We will be introducing the children to a poet named Michael Rosen so that they can appreciate, perform and write free verse poems. We will also be working on our persuasion skills in various form such as adverts and debating.

Mathematics : In maths we will first be focusing on time, reading both digital and analogue and converting between the 12 and 24 hour clock. Following on from this, we will be spending some time learning about negative numbers. We will also revisit long division this half term. Geometry will be covered again but this time looking at angles, properties of triangles, coordinates and plotting shapes on a grid.

Computing: This term, the children will learn to understand the difference between data and information. They will use sensors, dataloggers and other tools as part of their investigations. We will also use branching and flat-file databases to enter, organise and search data, deriving information which they present in different forms.

Topic (History/Geography) : In topic, we will learn what some European countries are famous for such as food and landmarks. To help with this, we hope to go to the Italian restaurant L'Artista and making pizzas. Children will then use atlases to locate countries in Europe and learn about their flags. Later, we will focus on a particular European country, in order to research mountains, coastal areas and cities.

Science : At the beginning of the summer term we will touch on food chains and then we will be learning about human teeth and digestion looking at all the organs in the digestive system and their jobs as well as the names of the different teeth and their functions. After half term we will finish off the year by revisiting habitats and comparing them between different seasons as we first looked at this in autumn and now it is summer.

Art & DT

The children will be using their science knowledge of circuits to design and create a Nightlight. In food technology (cooking) we will be making flapjacks. We will let you know when food technology will be taking place but please keep us up to date with any changes or food allergies concerns so we can factor these into the programme.

RE: In the summer term, our RE lessons will be focused around Christianity first looking at the holy bible and the importance it has in the Christian religion as well as looking at some of the stories within the bible. We will finish off the year by looking at Hindu and Sikh holy texts. During the term we will interview a Sikh visitor and visit the Sikh place of worship the 'Gurdwara' in Letchworth.

Music: In music this term we will be looking at different musical elements such as beat, pulse and melody. We will be looking at staff notation and learn how to play a song on the glockenspiel.

PE: In the summer term, the children will be focusing on cricket and rounders skills and games. Within these lessons, they will be working mainly on throwing, catching, fielding, and how they can use them in game situations. The children in Year 4 will also be learning about athletics and the different running, jumping, and throwing events this will lead into sports day preparations.

French

The children will learn how to say what they like and dislike as well as their hobbies and sports. We will also be looking at healthy eating, body parts and animals. Our French story that we will be working on is called The Four Friends.

Learning Milestones – Summer 2022

Learning Commitments are targets that parents will engage with at home with their children in addition to your child's weekly homework. These may be life skills, academic skills or topic linked skills which the children are going to need to develop over the course of the term.

Year 4's Summer Term Learning Milestones

- Be able to tell the time to the nearest minute on an analogue clock and to be able to tell the time using the 24 hour clock.
- To learn their 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables.
- To be responsible for packing their bag for the school day, ensuring they have everything they need. Also to be responsible for packing their bags at the end of every day – making sure they have their reading books, spellings and homework for when they are due. Also making sure anything extra e.g. swimming bag, guitars etc are with them.