

Year 4 Learning Letter (Spring 1)

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Believe in world of possibilities

Year 4's Learning News

Happy New Year. Year 4 will be cramming in lots of exciting learning this Half Term!

The Year 3 and 4 Show is called 'Around the World in 80 minutes.' The children will be creating the script from scratch and preparing for the performances at the end of this month.

In addition, they will be undertaking their Independent Homework Project as mentioned in last term's Learning Letter, when I explained the new expectations that the school has set for homework. It's always a pleasure to see the creativity that they bring to this type of learning which they will share with you at the Homework Showcase in early February. It will also form the basis of their 'Edge' project for the term on 'Organisation'.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 11th January - 'M and M' annual production to the school

Thursday 25th January 2.30 pm Parent Learning Session - Maths Strategies and Methods

Wednesday 31st January and Thursday 1st February Year 3 / 4 Show to parents - 'Around the World in 80 Minutes'. Times and ticket details to follow.

Thursday 8th February - Home Learning Showcase from 2.30 pm

What we will be learning...with top learning tips

Writing ... poetry, recounts and stories from other cultures

We will be writing to entertain and inform this term. We will explore different types of poems, before using the novel 'Rickshaw Girl' to help develop our writing skills and knowledge of another culture - Bangladesh.

We will be writing at length in paragraphs and trying to develop the variety of punctuation and sentence structures that we use.

Top tip - Always read back over your work to check for spellings and punctuation. Could you use a more descriptive or adventurous word? Give it to a partner to read; what do they think?

Reading

Children must remember to bring their Reading Records and school reading book in every day. The expectation is that they read to an adult at least 4 times a week. There are times in the afternoon when we have time for free reading; in this time children can bring in newspapers, magazines or anything else they enjoy reading once they have spent some time on their reading scheme book.

Learning Top Tip - Find a book that interests you and ask yourself questions about the text for a deeper understanding.

Maths...

We are revisiting Time at the start of term. Then we will progress through place value of tenths, hundredths and thousandths, equivalent fractions, coordinates and problems using different measures such as length, capacity or mass.

Learning Top Tip - remember the resources and previous learning that you can use to help you with the problems.

GRAMMAR - the expectations, which children need to know and be able to apply in their writing and reading for Year 4 are: determiners, pronouns, the possessive apostrophe, fronted adverbials and inverted commas.

Learning Top Tip - "Punctuation goes before the closing inverted comma in speech," said Mr Cox.



Reading with our Year 1 'buddies'

What we will be learning...

Science - Working Scientifically – We will explore how to design a 'fair test' and ensure our results and conclusions are valid.

RE - will investigate Judaism.

Geography - will explore the Bangladesh, it's climate, human and physical geography

PE - Outdoor PE will be playing hockey and the indoor PE slot will be used to work on the Year 3 and 4 Show

Jigsaw (PSHCE) - Goals and Dreams – A chance to look at setting goals and how to work towards achieving them as well as 'British Values'.

Our 'Edge' Project will be based around Organisation and linked to the Independent Home Learning Project the children will complete this term.

Year 3 and 4 Show - will provide opportunities for drama, music and art.

We will be exploring the 'British Values' of mutual respect and tolerance, individual liberty, the rule of law and democracy

The Edge at BPS: Organisation

Being organised is an important element of being a successful learner. Working out what needs to be done, in what order and how long it will take helps an individual use their time efficiently and effectively. Afterwards, reflecting on what went well and what could be improved next time helps build resilience and broaden the learning that has taken place

Home Learning ideas...

This term we are going to be completing our learning on our topic 'Worlds of difference.'

Perhaps you might like to try to...

- Make a scrap book of images showing life in Bangladesh. (suggested by Mr Cox);
- Look for images of clocks in magazines and comics and make a poster telling the time. (Mrs Pitfield thought of this);
- Sum up the book you are reading in fewer than 280 letters/characters like 'Twitter'. (suggested by Mrs Dearnley);
- Make a fact file about 'The Houses of Parliament' and what happened there. (said Mr Taylor).

Visit our ever improving website - it has lots of useful top tips, resources & links to great learning sites!

Improving pupil voice, supporting pupil choice

School Council News and Views...

Welcome back to 2018, and as school councilors we are really excited about the events coming up this year. We are looking forward to feeding back about the new lunchtime arrangements and how they are going.