



**English**

This term the children will be looking at characters from the book 'Spiderwick' in order to create a set of instructions of how to care for a creature, a non-chronological report and an explanation text. This week the children will explore the book in detail. They will look at how to improve a set of instructions and also practise writing an opening for a set of instructions, using fronted adverbials and powerful adjectives to entice the reader.

**Suggestions of ways you can support your child's English:**

In regards to spellings, continue to encourage your child to practise the words by using the 'look, say, write, cover, check' method. It would also be beneficial to use these words in meaningful sentences. These are in their reading diary. The words get trickier as we go through the year, so it is vital that they practise these at home.



**Maths**

In maths the children will move on to the unit of addition and practise how to use the formal column method to add a four-digit number including exchanging. They will also get the opportunity to solve varied fluency style questions.

**Suggestions of ways you can support your child's Maths:**

Encourage your child to practise counting in 3s, 4s and 8s. If you have access to the internet Youtube have fun songs to help the children recall their facts. The children should also know from previous years the 2, 5 and 10s times tables, so it would also be beneficial if they can recap over these too. For children that know these already the next step would be to learn their 6 times tables, which they can use their knowledge of the 3s to help them. This is the children's target work, so it would be fantastic if you could encourage this, as they then will receive merits for achieving their target at the end of the half term.



**Spellings –**

Group 1 – league, tongue, vague, rogue, catalogue, unique, antique, plaque, technique, opaque.  
Group 2 – calendar, February, grammar, group, material, perhaps, sentence, thought, through, although.

**Extra Information:**

**Reading:** Reading Records need to be brought into school every day in order for the children to receive their merits. Please encourage your child to read at least **FOUR TIMES** a week in order to obtain merits, this can be any book from home. As the children are in year 4 now, they are able to write in their reading diary if they have read. Please encourage your child to do this, they will also need to write a short sentence about what they have read.

**Summer Reading Challenge:** If your child participated, please send in the certificate, once you get this, so they can receive their merits.

**School Library Books:** Please ensure that if your child still has a library book at home that this is returned as soon as possible. **We still have lots of outstanding books missing.**

**Homework:** This week the children's homework is online on Google Classrooms. Please check their reading diary for their log in. The children have accessed this in class, so they are aware of how this works and have been shown how to edit the document. **Please make sure that you click on the 'hand in' button.**

**Spellings:** Will be given out every Friday and the children will be tested the following Friday. Please continue to encourage your child to practise these at home.

**PE:** Will be on a Wednesday and it is very important that the children come to school in their PE kit, so the children don't have to change in class. This means that they are still able to keep to social distancing rules. The weather is unpredictable at the moment, they can come in shorts and a t-shirt, but please ensure that they also have jogging bottoms and a top for extra warmth if they need it.

**Pick up and drop off times:**

**Drop off: 8:35 – 8:45 am.**

**Collection: 3:05 – 3:15 pm.**

**Packed lunches:** For children bringing a packed lunch, please remember that they will be eating this in class, so you need to provide everything they will need, such as spoons etc. We are also unable to open any containers for the children, so please ensure that your child can do this on their own. On a Tuesday, whilst the weather is nice, our year group will get the opportunity to eat outside in pergola. The children really look forward to eating their lunch outside and we hope that the weather continues to let them do this.

**Water Bottles:** Please ensure that your child is provided with enough water for the whole day, as they are unable to fill up their bottles in class.

**Thank you**

**Year 4 Teachers**