



English

This week the children have written an explanation text about the creature that they created for the book 'Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide', using all of the features that they have learnt this term.
In the New Year, our new topic will be on 'The Jungle Book'.

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

The children did really well last week on perimeter. This week the children will continue this topic and learn how to apply this skill to varied fluency style questions. Our topic for next year will be Multiplication.

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

Encourage your child to practise all of their times tables. Please get them to log on to the following website and practise, as this is like the test that they will sit at the end of year 4.
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>



Spellings –

Group 1 – accept, except, berry, bury, by, buy, break, brake, fare, fair.
Group 2 – cousin, trouble, young, double, touch, touchable, could, should, country, couple.

Extra Information:

Secret Santa:

Please ensure that, if your child is taking part, then they bring in their Secret Santa gift on Monday of this week.

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.

School Library Books: The children have access during school on a Friday to the library. Please ensure that they bring their book in to change it on this day. If you have any outstanding books at home, please return these.

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 or how to create a new document. **Please make sure that you click on the 'hand in' button.** You can also refer to the user guide that was sent home via Parent Mail, if you are unsure of how to use this platform. If you are using a device, such as a phone or tablet, you will need to download the app, again – please refer to the guide.

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. As the weather has turned colder, please ensure that the children have jogging bottoms and also 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 weather permitting, 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 and it doesn't turn too cold after the New Year.

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. Also, if these are a shop bought bottle, could you ensure that your child's name is on them.

Outdoor footwear

As the field is really muddy at the moment, you are welcome to send in alternative footwear for the children to change into at break time and lunch time. Please ensure that these are in a carrier bag.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all,
Stay Safe,
Year 4 Teachers**