

## Year 4

### Homework

With so much learning going on, we would like to remind you of the importance of homework. This is handed out on **Friday** and needs to be handed in on the following **Wednesday**. Alongside this, children are given **weekly** spellings and are encouraged to **read** at home too. Please help your child by sparing a few minutes a day, a fantastic opportunity for them to use their reading record and earn points for the class! Timestables Rockstars, Spellodrome and Reading Eggspress are also accessible through our website—[www.clarendonjuniors.co.uk](http://www.clarendonjuniors.co.uk) to support your child's learning at home.

### P.E.

We do P.E. **twice** a week. It is a very important part of the curriculum and it is therefore essential that the children bring in suitable P.E. kit for both indoor and outdoor sessions. Please make sure that this comes in on a **Monday** and it can be taken home over the weekend.

**Please note** if your child wears earrings, ensure that they are removed for PE days, or alternatively they will need to be covered with surgical tape for their own safety.

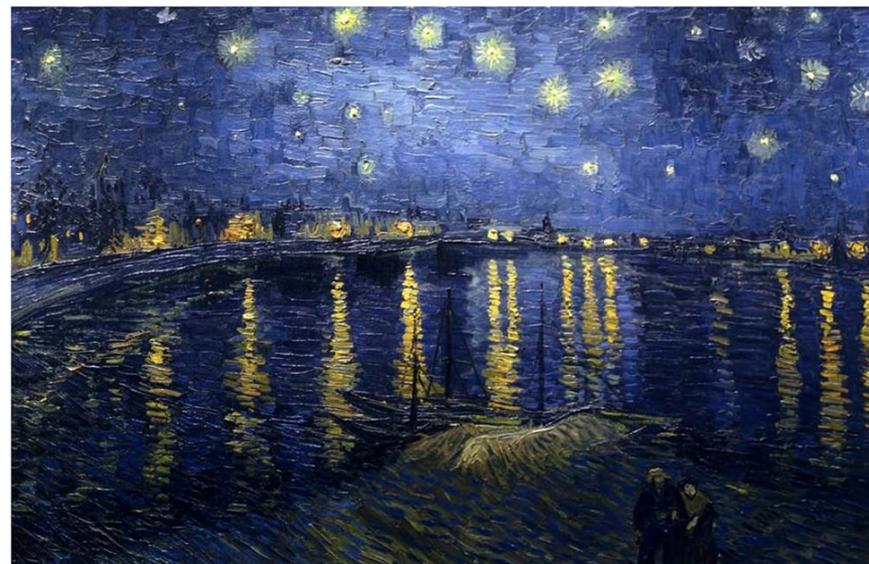
We hope you find this booklet useful and are always happy to meet with you and discuss your child's progress over the year. Please feel free to come and speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns or queries.

Many thanks —the Year 4 Team:  
Miss Hayday — Shark Class  
Miss Strong — Penguin Class  
Miss Giles — Hippo Class  
Mrs Farley—Sea Turtle Class

# CLARENDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Spring 1 2020  
Year 4



Take One Picture  
Starry Night Over the Rhone  
Vincent Van Gogh

## LITERACY

This term the children's writing will be inspired by our painting 'Starry Night Over the Rhone'. We will explore adventure stories as our narrative unit and study explanation texts linked to space.

Building on last term's reading focuses, we will be reading lots of different text types and working on our comprehension and retrieval skills in Guided Reading. During this half term, the children will continue to investigate spelling patterns and apply them in their writing.

## SCIENCE

In Science the children will be learning about 'Animals including Humans'. During this topic we will be exploring how to keep healthy and our digestive system. We will also be looking at how to plan a fair investigation.

## COMPUTING

Within computing, the children will recap the importance of E-safety and will learn how to stay safe online. They will also develop their knowledge and understanding of multi-media programs which will include the use of PowerPoint.

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

In Modern Foreign Languages, the children will be learning and exploring traditional French stories, songs and poems. In addition, they will revise greetings, family members and numbers from last term.

## MATHEMATICS

In mathematics we will work on our skills in:

- Multiplication and division
- Length, perimeter & area
- Fractions
- Decimals

Using our mathematical investigation skills will be an additional focus, as we will continue to learn our times tables.

## P.E.

This term, the children will be playing hockey and improving their invasion skills. They will also be taking part in gymnastics lessons and will be exploring how to use apparatus safely and effectively.

## RE

The children will be learning about Buddhism and questioning whether it is possible for everyone to be happy. They will be exploring how Buddha tried to be happy and stayed happy throughout his lifetime.

## MUSIC

Composition and performance will be the focus for our learning in Music this term. We will focussing on learning a rap about bullying and then using this as a starting point to write our own raps. We will then add musical accompaniments and perform our compositions to an audience.

## ART

In Art, the children will be focusing on the artist Van Gogh and will be looking at the techniques he used to create his painting 'Starry Night Over the Rhone'. We are also lucky to be taking part in an art workshop with sculptor Zac Newham who will be making wooden sculptures with the children.

# Spring Term 1 2020 Year 4

THEME: 'Take One Picture'  
**Starry Night Over the**

## PSHE

The main focus of our PSHE is exploring our dreams and goals. We will explore dreams and goals we have and discuss resilience and coping strategies.

## HOMEWORK

The children will continue to receive spelling and times tables homework each week. There will be further activities related to our topic to complete.