

## Year 4

Year Four would like to welcome you to a new school year. We hope your child settles in quickly. We have a busy term ahead of us with our work based on our themed Topic, Take One World.

### Homework

With so much going on, we would like to remind you of the importance of homework. Each week the children will receive spellings, times tables to learn and a piece of grammar work or maths work that we would have been working on within the week. This is handed out on Friday and needs to be handed in on the following **Thursday**. Alongside this, children 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 new Reading Record!

### 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, they must be removed for PE days. Alternatively they will need to be covered with surgical tape.

### School website

Please use our school website [www.clarendonjuniors.co.uk](http://www.clarendonjuniors.co.uk) for regular updates and copies of letters sent home as well as additional homework opportunities. As well as Times Tables Rockstars, the children can practise their spelling skills with Readwriter (Spellodrome) and their reading comprehension skills with Reading Eggs.

We hope you find this booklet useful and are always happy to talk to 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.

*Many thanks,  
Year 4 Team*

*Miss Hayday — Lower Key Stage 2 Leader  
Miss Giles — Hippo Class  
Miss Kee — Panda Class  
Miss Barkwill — Sea Turtle Class*

# CLARENDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**Autumn Term 1, 2020**  
**Year 4**



## LITERACY

We have planned lessons that focus on closing gaps from Year 3.

Our Literacy this term will focus on story writing and writing a non-chronological report. We will focus on identifying nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs in our writing to create interesting story settings. We will be using our research skills to investigate different animals and write a report about them.

We will be reading lots of different text types this term as well as working on our comprehension and retrieval skills through exploring various texts. During the half term, the children will continue to investigate spelling patterns and apply them in their work while working on a neat and consistent handwriting style.

## SCIENCE

This term we will be investigating rocks. We will look at different types of rocks, compare them and look at different ways to describe them. We will investigate the different ways in which rocks are used and explore how they are suited to particular purposes. We will look at different soils and identify fossils, finding out how they are formed.

## COMPUTING

Our Computing topic is 'E Safety.' Identifying and evaluating the dangers and risks of using the internet will be looked at in depth. Children will learn how to explore the internet safely and identify who to inform if anything concerns them whilst using the internet.

## ART

Within Art lessons, we will focus on the life and works of the architect Norman Foster, designer of 'The Gherkin' in London. Our finished product will be sketching a building in the style of Foster.

## MATHS

We want to reassure you that we have planned work that focuses on Year 3 work that has been missed and also closes the gaps identified in their learning.

We will be focusing on our skills in:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Times tables—recapping the 2, 5 & 10 multiplication / division facts

Using our mathematical investigation skills will also be a focus during this half term.

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THEME:

*'Take One World'*

## PSHE

Mental Health and well-being will be a big focus this term. We will carry out lots of activities where children will be free to discuss their feelings over recent events. As well as this, we will establish classroom rules and routines.

## Homework

The children will receive spelling and times tables homework each week. In addition, there will also be a piece of grammar work or a maths activity to complete.

## P.E.

PE sessions for Year 4 are Monday and Thursday. Please ensure PE kit is in school. During this term the children will be learning Gymnastic skills and developing their athletic invasion skills by playing Tag Rugby. In addition, we will be doing various Athletic activities.

## GEOGRAPHY

Within Geography, the children will be learning to name and locate the continents of the world. In addition, they will be focusing on Europe, with a specific focus on Barcelona. They will learn to name and identify countries using maps and atlases.

## RE

Our RE work this term will focus on Buddhism. We will be exploring the life of Buddha and exploring how he tried to be happy and stay happy.

## MUSIC

Within Music, we will be exploring rhythm, pitch and tone. We will also learn the notes on a staff as well as names of common instruments.

## MFL

Within this term the children will be learning how to greet others in French. They will also be learning the names for animal parts and part of the human body, e.g. hands, legs.