



Be Safe

Keep your passwords secret and don't share your name, address or telephone number online.

Only go on websites and programs you are allowed to use.



Be Nice

Be nice to people on the computer like you would be in the playground. Be a good digital citizen.



Don't reply

If you receive a message or email that makes you feel uncomfortable or isn't safe, tell an adult you trust and delete them. Don't reply.



Tell Someone

If you see something that is wrong or you don't like, tell someone you trust and turn the screen off.



Helping Your Child at Home A Guide for Parents

Year 4

English

Spellings and key words

- Spelling homework will follow certain spelling rules or be from the word list for Year 4. Please encourage your child to learn the lists given and to apply them correctly in any independent writing.

Reading

- In class, we will be reading a range of texts including historical stories. At home, aim to read a good variety of genres and access reading plus. Ask your child questions about the text they read to ensure understanding.

Writing

- This term we have a strong focus on using a variation of punctuation in our writing including speech marks and commas after fronted adverbials.



Maths

We are continuing to work on our times tables, improving our rapid recall in any order for all tables up to 12×12 . Your child should also know their pairs to 100 and other multiples of 10 e.g 46 goes with 54 to make 100, or 27 goes with 73 to make 100. As well as Times Table Rock Stars, Mathletics is a fantastic way to work on the children's mental maths skills. <http://www.mathletics.co.uk/>

We will be focusing on written methods for calculations - column addition, subtraction and multiplication, as well as the 'chunking' method for division. To put the methods in different contexts, these could be applied to real life word problems at home! A parent guide to calculations is available on the school website.



Computing

This term Year 4 are becoming musicians, creating a sound track using a computer programme to edit music. They will be creating and developing a musical composition, matching music style to context. Talk to your child about how different songs and music make you feel. What instruments make you feel; happy, sad, excited etc?



Topic and Science

In History the children will be learning about Ancient Egypt, finding out about the pharaohs and the pyramids. In Geography, we are learning about volcanoes. The children will be discovering how volcanoes are created, why they erupt and the different types.

In Science Year 4 are learning about sound and how our ears hear sound. We will alter sounds and begin to think about how sound travels. Later on in the term, we will be looking at electricity.



Rockstar Day!

On Friday 7th February we will be having a rock star day to promote the use of timetables rock stars to learn multiplication tables in years 2 to 6. On this day we would like all of the children to come into school dressed as rock stars. On the day children in reception and year 1 will be doing lots of counting activities. Year 2- Year 6 will be each using times tables rock stars to compete to see who can get the highest scores. Each child from year 2 to 6 should already have their own log in details for the times tables website/app so they can practice at home.

