

# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter-

## Autumn term

Welcome to Year 4! This newsletter will give you an insight of what we will be learning. Please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions. [year4@stmeryl.herts.sch.uk](mailto:year4@stmeryl.herts.sch.uk)

Date for the diary, our first class assembly will be on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**.

**Mr Knight, Mrs Parker and Mrs Mehta.**



### SCIENCE

During this term Year 4 will be studying the topic 'States of Matter'. We will be examining the differences between solids, liquids and gases and grouping materials. We will link learning in Science to the Geography unit on the Water Cycle.

### Geography

This term we are learning about the water cycle and rivers. We will also learn about the Amazon River in South America which links with our History Topic on Ancient Maya.

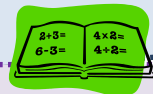
### SPANISH

Year 4 will be learning a variety of vocabulary and phrases about everyday life.



### ENGLISH

In English, our focus includes graphic novels, persuasive speech and free verse poetry. We will also be looking at explanation texts and story writing later in the term.



### RHSE

The focus for RSHE is 'Being Me in My World.' This includes a focus on teamwork, being a school citizen and making democratic decisions.

### PE

**PE days – Monday** will be focused on outside activities and games which will help to develop teamwork skills. **Friday** PE will be inside and will include gymnastics and dance.



### MATHS

In Maths, children will be learning about: Place Value of numbers beyond 1000, fluency in addition and subtraction, counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000, multiplication and division of one and two-digit numbers by 10 and 100, converting and comparing units of measure.



### MUSIC

Year 4 will be learning to play the trombone during their music lessons this year. The instruments will be provided by the school. We look forward to performing to you throughout the year.



### ART AND DESIGN

In Art, Year 4 will be learning different methods of printing. If possible please send something in to protect your children's clothes e.g. an old shirt clearly labelled with their name.

### HISTORY

Year Four will begin their History unit after the October Half Term. Within this topic we will be learning about life in Ancient Greece.

### RE

This term pupils will be studying Hinduism and considering where the religion was founded and how it is practised today.

### COMPUTING

This term Year 4 will be developing their computing skills as they do a series of coding tasks on purple mash.

### HOMEWORK

**-Homework will be given out every Friday and due in the following Wednesday.** Late or incomplete homework will be recorded and parents will be invited to discuss with the class teacher how we can solve the problem.

-There will be a spelling test **every Friday morning**. Spellings should be revised for **5-10 minutes** every night.

-There will also be a times tables test each week. The children will be told which tables will be on the test the week beforehand.

- I expect pupils to read regularly, preferably with a parent. Parents are encouraged to ask questions about the plot and the characters to really get the children thinking and to check their understanding of the text. A comment should be written in their reading record.