



Year 4 Autumn Term 2019 Curriculum Letter

Welcome back

Hello and a warm welcome back everyone. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. We have lots of fun and interesting activities, lessons and trips lined up for the pupils in Year 4 and cannot wait to get started. Our first topic is 'Amazon Adventures' which is a geography and science-based unit. We will be working on making new friends and learning how to deal with conflict and emotions to ensure the smoothest transition from Year 3 to Year 4. We are all looking forward to working with the pupils and families in Year 4. If you do have any worries or concerns, please arrange to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss any matters which arise.

Carterhatch values

Please help us to help your child uphold the Carterhatch Junior School values of:

Co-operation, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility

Watch out for postcards sent home telling you about your child demonstrating these.

The Year 4 team

Hadid Class Teacher:	James Wheeler
Levete Class Teacher:	Arion Lawrence
Mackintosh Class Teacher:	Rebecca Amdetsion
Teaching Assistants:	Bukurie Gjoca, Joanne Symonds and Sabina Ceglarz-Abdol

English

We will be looking closely at the adventures of Fred and his mismatched group of friends whose plane crashes into the Amazon Rainforest from the book titled 'The Explorers'. This book fits perfectly with our topic and also covers issues from friendship to protecting the environment.

The national curriculum objectives covered in this unit are:

- Using the correct tense consistently
- Writing in the first person
- Punctuating sentences correctly
- Using fronted adverbials to begin sentences

The genres/text types we will cover are:

- Autobiographies
- Narratives
- Setting descriptions

Maths

Our main focus will be number. This will include:

- Understanding the place value of digits in 4-digit numbers
- Ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1000
- Using the formal written method for addition and subtraction
- Solving problems which require an understanding of addition and subtraction
- Learning multiplication and division facts up to 12x12
- Using formal methods for multiplication and division

We will also be studying 2D shapes:

- Comparing and classifying triangles and rectangles
- Understanding symmetry

Please support your child to learn their times table at home by using the TimesTable Rockstars app.

Science, Technology & ICT

- Science: 'Living things and their habitats'. Pupils will learn how to use classification keys to sort different animals and how humans are impacting different habitats.
- ICT: We will incorporate the use of ICT throughout our learning this half term by teaching pupils how to record, research and plan using a range of apps and devices.

Humanities (History, Geography & RE)

- Geography: Pupils will study the Amazon Rainforest and make comparisons between the UK and South America. Pupils will look at the impact humans are having on the environment and ways in which this can be stopped. They will learn the key differences between physical and human geography.
- History: During October, we will celebrate Black History Month.

PSHE

Our focus will be 'All about us'. During this unit, the pupils will:

- Learn the value of co-operation through discussing conflict management
- Learn the value of responsibility through studying and researching human impact on the environment

PE

Hadid Class: Mondays & Thursdays **Levete Class:** Wednesdays & Thursdays **Mackintosh Class:** Fridays & Tuesdays

Indoor PE: Gym and Dance

Outdoor PE: Invasion Games

Please ensure your child has a named, black PE kit with trainers/plimsolls. This must be kept at school and be available at all times. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed before school on the day of PE.

Home Learning

Please support your child with their home learning by asking what they have been learning and reading through work sent home with them. They may need your help with some tasks. Provide a quiet and calm place where they can concentrate on homework and please ensure that it is handed in on time. Listen to your child read regularly and read to them too. If your child is having problems, please speak to the class teacher as soon as possible so that we can work together to support your child's learning.

Home Learning is set on a **Thursday** and collected in on a **Tuesday**.

Reading: 20 minutes daily.

Writing: Written task based around a word or phrase relevant to something that they are, or will be, covering in school.

Spelling: Weekly spellings handed out and to be practised daily.

Maths: Online MyMaths, related to work completed during school. Daily times tables practice.

Other useful information

If you have any queries or concerns throughout the term, please do not hesitate to speak to class teachers at the end of the day.

- Uniform reminder - skirts, trousers and tights should be grey and trainers/shoes should be black (including the soles)
- Pupils are encouraged to bring a healthy snack at playtime. This must be kept in lockers please
- 23 September 2019 Clubs start
- 8 October 2019 Individual photographs
- 28 October 2019 Halloween Disco
- 29 November 2019 INSET day - school closed
- 2 & 3 December 2019 Parents consultations

Class assemblies at 2.40pm

1 November - Hadid

6 December - Levete

7 February - Mackintosh

Class showcases at 2.40pm

24 April - Hadid

5 June - Levete

12 June - Mackintosh