

Greenfylde C of E First School
Autumn Term 1st Half 2019 Newsletter
Year 4: Gatcombe

We hope that you and the children have had a pleasant holiday and a good rest before embarking on Year Four life! Please see the overview below for the learning that we will be doing during the next few weeks. I am Mr Lewis and in class I also have Emma Baker assisting me. On a Wednesday I am on management time around school so Mrs Snelson will be teaching the class.

Some systems and routines may be a little different for you this year. The children have a planner in which they will write their daily activities each week (like a diary) and we ask that they record their reading in it also. We do expect them to read AT LEAST THREE TIMES A WEEK. We request that you sign the planner weekly.

By the end of Year Four the government expectation is that all facts up to 12x12 times tables can be recalled. We encourage children to continue to use Times Table Rockstars along with Hit the Button to develop number facts. Weekly spellings will be provided in their planners that will be checked half-termly.

Your support at home is much appreciated by both us, and the children. Please help them as much as you can!

English: Little Red Riding Hood - Defeat the Monster (Setting focus) Recount - newspaper	Maths: Place Value and Number The four calculations Mental maths	Topic: Geography - Map skills and Grid References Countries and Cities of the World History - Ancient Greece
PE: Swimming Gymnastics	RE: Creation Festivals - Harvest	ICT: E-Safety Programming Multi media
DT Cooking	Science: Teeth and digestion Skeleton, Food Chains	Music: Music composition: ABBA

How you can help your child:

Reading: Please continue to encourage daily reading and remember to look at the back of the 'banded' books for questions to help with comprehension skills.

Writing: The children will, from time to time, bring home a text and 'text map' for our English units. Please encourage them to practise learning the text by heart. They could do this by breaking it up into sections and concentrating on one or two sections each day.

Maths: We will continue to work on times tables at school and test the children using the Olympic challenges weekly. Practising multiplication and division facts any time will help them with this.

On occasion, we also set children homework tasks related to what they are learning. These are set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday. Tasks are to be completed in their Homework Books.

If class based work is not completed to a satisfactory level then children will be asked to complete these at home to bring back on the following day. I will always try to write a brief explanation in their planner or speak to you verbally to explain why it has been sent home.

PE kit: Please make sure your child has his/her PE kit in school on Monday and swimming kit on Thursday.	Trips/Special days: Roald Dahl Day - Friday 13 th September 2019. Please wear or bring a prop related to a Roald Dahl story or character.
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We warmly invite you to meet your child's teacher on Tuesday 10th September, in your child's classroom at 3.30pm, but, as always, if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to chat to us after school. Thank you for you all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Lewis