



ENTHUSIASM – EFFORT – EXCELLENCE

OCKLYNGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Y4 Children/ Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the school! We hope you have all had a great summer holidays and are raring to go! We have a very exciting 2019/20 planned with lots going on.

I am the head of year 4 and I'm very much looking forward to working with your children and getting to know you in the terms ahead. I always encourage parents to contact me with any questions or worries as they arise. You may contact me by email cavalieren@ocklynge.co.uk or via the office.

In Terms 1 and 2 our topic is 'Hinduism' and much of our work is linked to this, although some subjects are still taught separately. Below are some details.

English – Our learning will be based around the text 'Dindy and the Elephant', which is a fantastic fictional book about a child growing up in India. For our non-fiction, we will be focusing on information texts about Indian animals, with a specific focus on elephants. Spellings will be taught discretely, as well as in the English lessons and will be a combination of word patterns and also the exception words for Year 4.

Reading lessons will take place every day. Some children will be supported by the phonics-based Read-Write-Inc. All children will experience a wide range of texts and will have the opportunities to use their VIPERS reading skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summary).

Maths – We will be teaching children place value and addition and subtraction. Alongside this the children will have regular mental maths learning and problem solving. We will be using practical equipment in all aspects of maths teaching. There is a big focus this year on multiplication tables and the children will be expected to know all of their multiplication tables up to 12x12 by April next year. We would really appreciate you supporting your child with this at home.

Science – Electricity. We will be investigating circuits and looking at keeping safe. Sound. We will be exploring how sound travels and conducting a number of experiments.

I.C.T. – Using Logo program and e-safety.

RE – We will be looking at Hinduism, learning about worship, Gods, festivals and customs.

Art – We will be exploring Indian Rangoli patterns and the children will have the opportunity to make some of their own, using coloured sand.

Design and Technology – Designing and making packaging for Indian food then making it! We will be making flatbreads and raita.



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P.S.H.E. –All of our PHSE lessons are based around the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term we will be focusing on Rainbow groups and circle time.

P.E. – ‘Winter Games’ (hockey, netball, football, rugby) swimming in Term 1 or 2, gymnastics and Bollywood dancing and team building. The children will also be participating in the Daily Mile (so it is really important that they have their PE kit/trainers in school every day).

Music – Exploring rhythm and melody in Indian music, composing using the pentatonic scale, Christmas songs.

Spanish – family, numbers, colours, school, animals, sports, food and Christmas.

Hinduism and Bollywood Dance

In October we will be learning and performing a Bollywood dance (with the help of Charlotte Jailley, a local talented specialist!) Alongside this, the children will be learning about Hinduism and looking at the culture and stories that surround this religion. We will shortly be sending more details about this. However for those parents who have work or other commitments and need notice, we intend to perform to parents on the afternoon of the Friday 19th October. The approximate cost of this will be £12 per child.

Home Learning

There will be a variety of tasks, which will be set on a weekly basis. These will be mainly maths or English based tasks and can be completed on a computer. We will be using Times tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed to support the learning. Your child will be given their login information from the class teacher. (NB If your child is unable to access these from home, provision can be made at school for them to complete the tasks, or an alternative task can be sent home). There may also be some practical homework tasks, where children will be required to make or create a piece of art work. The children will have all the information in their home learning diary or stuck into their homework book, but if you have any queries, please contact your child’s class teacher. It is expected that the children spend at least 30 minutes on the main homework task and 10-15 minutes a day on the reading, spelling and multiplication task.

Your child will be given a new school home learning diary in which to record their homework and regular reading. They do not need to fill in all of the boxes, but should complete at least 3 each week. Please can you sign this each week to confirm that you have observed your child’s reading and completing of their homework.

Multiplications. We would like all of the children to learn their tables, up to 12x12 for instant recall. We would appreciate you supporting your child with this at home.

Spellings

Your child’s spellings for Term 1 will be sent home shortly. Your child will be given a list of the exception words (on a grid) and will be expected to learn a set amount each week. The class teachers will be deciding how many. You will also receive an overview of the spelling patterns which will be taught in class.

Sport Timetable

Below is the sport timetable for the year group. Please ensure that your child’s P.E. kit is in school at all times and that every item is named. Please also ensure that they have well-fitting trainers for outdoor PE and a tracksuit or leggings and a jumper/hoodie, as well as shorts and a t-shirt for indoor PE. Swimming will not take place every term for each class. You will be notified about swimming in terms 3-6 later on in the year.

Day	Indoor. P.E.	Outdoor Games	SWIMMING
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MONDAY		All year 4	4G (term 1)
TUESDAY	4N, 4V		4N (term 1) 4V (term 2)
WEDNESDAY	4LR		4LR (term 1) 4CK (term 1)
THURSDAY	4L		
FRIDAY	4G, 4CK		4L (term 1)

Finally if you have any spare time and would like to come and help in your child's class you would be very welcome. Also, if you have expertise in any of the areas we are looking at in school and can share them with us that would be very much appreciated too! Please contact your child's class teacher if you are able to help in any way.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Nicky Cavaliere (Head of Year 4) and the Y4 team



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