

Year 4 expectations for Reading, Homestudy, Spellings and Times Tables.

Reading

Children are expected to read to an adult at least 5 times a week and have their reading record signed by an adult. Please could you spend a short time discussing the book with your child and asking them questions about the text. It is important that your child is able to talk about what they have read and not just be able to read the book. We also ask that 'Free Readers' practice reading aloud even if it is one or two paragraphs, to maintain their oral fluency which can aid their writing.

Homestudy

Please can you ensure that both the record sheet in the Homestudy folder and the 'Task Sheet' are signed, so that we know what homework has been completed and to what extent your child has worked independently.

Spellings

The children are following the Babcock 'No Nonsense' spelling programme in which the children are tested two to three times a term so there are no longer weekly spelling tests. The programme focuses on teaching strategies for 'having a go' at spellings along with spelling patterns and rules. The programme overview for each year group is available on the school's website. In addition, some children have separate 'green' spellings which relate to high frequency words that they should already know but are not yet using consistently in their writing. These children are tested half termly.

Times Tables

It is the current government expectation that by the end of Year 4, all children can recall times table facts up to 12x12 and related division facts, at speed. Children are tested every Wednesday and are expected to recall the facts by heart rather than using their fingers to count in multiples.

Below are some good websites/Apps to practice times tables.

Hit the Button <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Terra Times tables <http://mrthorne.com/home/terra-times-tables/>

Times Table Mountain App <http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

Thank you for your support. Mrs Brewer and Miss O'Neil

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Beech and Elm Class (Year 4)

Curriculum Newsletter

Spring First Half Term 2017

Inspirational People



Class Teachers: Mrs Julia Brewer and Miss Emma O'Neil

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Annette Burns, Mrs Lisa Hogan, Mrs Christine McCrone

For the first half of the Spring Term, our Creative Curriculum whole school focus is 'Inspirational People' and Year 4 have chosen Roald Dahl. All of our work will be based on one of his most popular books, Fantastic Mr Fox. We will be focussing on reading, writing and performing playscripts.

To finish our topic we will be holding a Roald Dahl Day.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

RE

Worship in a Sikh family

Sikh beliefs and rules

Sikh stories

Hindu Temple Visit—Bhaktivedanta Manor

PSHCE

New challenges – New Year's Resolutions—
Persevering

My strengths and needs

Mindfulness

Communication, Language and Literacy

Fantastic Mr Fox

Whole Class Reading – use textual clues to interpret plot and character's motives.

Playscripts

Read a variety of play scripts, identify the features and learn how to use stage directions to perform scenes. Write own play scripts using story of Fantastic Mr Fox. Perform play scripts written.

Persuasive Writing

Identify features of persuasive letters and building bank of vocabulary and phrases.

Plan and write a letter persuading the farmers not to kill Mr Fox. Drama activities to support writing.

Mathematical Development

Fractions and decimals

Recognise common equivalent fractions.

Calculate fractions of quantities.

Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

Recognise and write decimal equivalents of tenths and hundredths.

Measures

Read, write and convert units of time, length, perimeter and area

Problem Solving

Solve time and fraction problems

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Science

Electricity – investigate circuits, conductors and insulators and design an alarm including buzzers and switches.

Buzzer investigation.

Computing

Esafety

Programming using Beebots and Scratch to draw 2d shapes and angles.

Data logging and Excel linked to science investigation.

iMovie adverts.

French

Family members and hobbies.

Inspirational People



Physical Development

Hockey – Quick Sticks

Dance

Creative Development

Art

Quentin Blake Watercolours

Music

Explore mood and setting through music.

Compose a soundtrack for a play script.

