

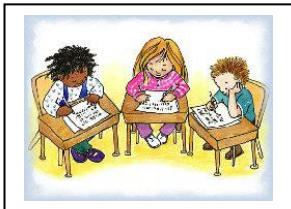
Grove Primary School
Termly curriculum overview for parents

Date: Spring 1

Year Groups 3 and 4

Dear Parents,

We would like to let you know what we will be learning about this term and give you some information about how you can support your child's learning at home. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher should you wish to discuss any aspects of their learning in more detail.



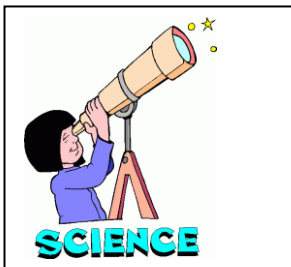
ENGLISH

Much of the learning in English will be linked to our topic of Sensational! The children will look at the text "Lord of the Forest" and use this as a stimulus to write descriptions and fact files as well as their own version of the story. Every day the children will have a 15 minute spelling session and will have spellings to learn at home for a weekly test. All the children in Key Stage Two have handwriting pens. Our daily handwriting sessions will further improve their standards of handwriting and presentation.



MATHS

Number skills will be consolidated this term, with all four operations (+, -, x and ÷) being covered. The children will use both mental methods and written methods, and will be expected to choose efficient ways to calculate. In the area of shape and space, there will be revision of shape names, use of co-ordinates in plotting position, and revision of compass points. Data handling will involve more independent collection of data, with children being expected to choose appropriate ways of displaying their findings.



SCIENCE and LEARNING JOURNEY

In the first half term we will be studying the human senses, learning how each one allows us to have different experiences and exploring how sounds and vibrations work. This term's Learning Journey topic is entitled Sensational. Children will learn about the 5 senses as well as scientific knowledge about the eyes and ears and allow the children to use Art and DT skills to present colours. Children will explore a range of musical instruments before designing and creating their own. Additionally, the children will have the opportunity to create and sell their own fruits salads. The final week will be our "Fabulous Finish" when the children will invite you into school so they can showcase their work.

JIGSAW

This is our new PSHE scheme that runs throughout the whole school. Each class has a Jigsaw friend who will guide us through learning about ourselves, our relationships with others and how we can help each other and our local community. Our topic this term is 'Dreams and Goals' and soon the whole school will be learning a song linked with this topic.



PE

Year 4 will be visited every week by West Bromwich Albion. This term, they will be taught gymnastic skills and net/court games. Full P.E kits must be worn in each session. Hopefully, we will manage to have most of our PE sessions on the lovely playing field. However, please ensure that your child has indoor and outdoor shoes in case of bad weather.

Beech Class will be swimming this term. Swimming sessions take place every Wednesday morning from 18th January at Malvern College swimming pool. Please ensure your child has swimming kit on this day as it is a compulsory part of the curriculum.

MFL

The children will learn how to express opinions about food, and will hold simple conversations with each other. After half term they will do more work on numbers and will learn other expressions for likes and dislikes.

KEY DATES:

18.1.17 – Beech start swimming lessons

15.2.17– Fabulous Finish (2:30pm)

Homework:

Learning Log tasks will be set on a Friday to be completed within a fortnight. They are a unique personalised learning resource for children. In the Learning Logs, the children record their ideas and responses to learning challenges set by their teachers. Each log is a unique record of the child's thinking and learning. The children will be provided with a task and then they can decide how to present and record (including practical elements). This allows them to have more freedom over the task set.

Alongside Learning Logs, children will be given weekly spellings on a Monday which they will be tested on the following Monday. Please could you ensure your child practices these using the look, cover, write, check sheet provided.

A key objective in Years 3 and 4 is to know and recall times table facts (including division) up to the 12 times tables. Although we are doing a lot of this in the classroom, it is vital that the children practice these at home to ensure they become fingertip quick. There are many games and songs available on the Internet to support your child with this.

If you have any questions or queries regarding homework please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We are happy to help in any way we can!

Thank you for your continued support.