

Other Information

Reading:

Children **must** remember to bring home their reading record and a reading book every night. Discussing with your child what he/she has read really helps them develop their comprehension skills, and regular reading helps the child to become a more confident and fluent reader. Any child failing to hand in their reading record **at 9.00** will be kept in at break time in to read.

PE Kit:

Please make every effort to ensure that your child brings in their PE kit on the correct days, including appropriate shoes in case they are taken outside for P.E.

P.E. kits should be kept in school and will be sent home each half term to be washed.

P.E. is on a **Tuesday**.

Homework

Please remember that homework is given out on a **Tuesday** and due in by the following **Monday**. This will usually be a set of spelling words to practise and a piece of maths and literacy work to complete. It is fine to help your child with these and you may wish to mark the maths as part of the process.



Duncombe Primary School

Parents Information

Autumn Term (1)

Upper Phase

Year 4

Shakespeare and Bronte Classes

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Duncombe Primary School. The Year 4 teachers this year are Shelley (Bronte) and Tania (Shakespeare). This booklet should help to explain some of the things your child will be doing in class this term.



Yours faithfully,

Tania and Shelley

English

In literacy this half term we explore narrative and then newspaper reports. This will be linked with our theme for this half term: detectives.

There will be a focus on comprehension, spelling and grammar work. We will work on incorporating VCOP in our writing- Vocabulary (adjectives, adverbs, powerful verbs); Connectives (although, because, so, but...); Openers (-ing verbs, -ly words...); Punctuation (commas, speech marks, question marks...).

Maths

In Y4 children must know all their timetables!

If your child does not know their timetables, **please practice these at home!**

Children will study 4 and 5 digits numbers and will add and subtract tens, hundreds and thousands. There will be lots of problem solving so children can apply their maths to real life situations. They will also build on their understanding of graphs, tables and shapes.

Science

Our topic this term is Moving and Growing. The children will learn how the skeleton is related to movement and support in humans. Children will also be asked to compare human skeletons and bones with those of other animals.

ICT

Children will learn research skills, writing up and editing work using Microsoft Word and newspaper and magazine article presentations.

Topic

Our topic this half term is Detectives. Children will research different detectives both fictional and factual. They will produce paintings and prints on this theme and will make detective board games. Throughout the term they will complete a range of literacy and maths activities about detectives.

R.E.

There will be an R.E. week in which children will explore Judaism. They are also going to participate in a project with Arsenal in which they will learn about different religions.

P.E

Children will learn a range of skills related to different team sports. They will receive weekly Brazilian football lessons and football training from Arsenal coaches.

Music

Year 4 children will develop their musical skills by learning to play either the cello or violin. They will be taught by a professional musician on a weekly basis. They will also have African drumming lessons.

French

Every Wednesday morning the children in Year 4 will be taught French. A specialist teacher will come every two weeks.

Trips

We will be visiting the Museum of London and will watch The Railway Children at the cinema.