Class 8 Curricular Letter

Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4! What a fantastic first week we have had. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school and to spend time getting to know them. They have already impressed the whole team with their excellent listening skills, the effort they have put into their learning and their enthusiasm for everything we have introduced so far.

The children have made a brilliant start and have settled into their new routines really well. We are sure we are in for an excellent year, filled with lots of exciting, fun and engaging learning opportunities. We are really looking forward to everything the year ahead has in store!

Our Class 8 team is led by Erin Leigh, with Mrs Woods as our class Teaching Assistant. We are also supported by Mrs Hicky and Mrs Porter, who provide SEND support within the class. We work closely together as a team to ensure that all children receive the support and encouragement they need to thrive.

Mrs Harrison will also be teaching in Class 8 on Monday afternoons.

This curriculum letter will inform you of what we will be covering in class during the first half of the Autumn Term. Our topic this half term is 'What makes Great Britain Great?' and much of our work throughout the different subjects will relate to this.

If you have any queries, concerns, or simply a question, please don't hesitate to call, Seesaw message or email us. We will be more than happy to help! You can send an email to me at e.leigh@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk

Please find below information about the various aspects we will cover this term.

The Half Term Ahead

RE – Where and when do peole of faith pray?

PE - Attack or Defend? What is more important? (Tag Rugby)

Geography - What are the geographical features of the UK and why do people settle here?

Computing - How can I present research?

Music – What is a Ukulele and how can I play it?

Science – Which amphibians choose to live in the UK?

French - Tu es britannique? (Are you British?)

Art and Design – Who is the most significant British Artist?

PSHE - How might my feelings change?

Days to Remember

Tuesday- PE Children are permitted to come to school in their PE kit on their PE day. Our PE this term is outside, so please remember their named jumper or cardigan.

Thursday – Ukulele lesson in the afternoon.

Friday – Spelling tests and Times tables test. New spellings handed out.

Daily – Please ensure that your child has a coat for playtimes and we encourage them to bring in a drinks bottle filled with water to school each day. These must be taken home daily and washed.

English

This term, we will be exploring the exciting world of Gulliver's Travels! Children love its strange lands, fascinating characters and sense of adventure. We will use Gulliver's journeys as inspiration to write our own imaginative adventure stories, developing vocabulary, description and storytelling skills.After this we will create Non Chronological report all about the UK to link in with our Geography topic. You can help at home by discussing our class texts with your child and also regularly read with your child at home.

Maths

This half term in maths we will focus on place value, addition and subtraction, perimiter and statistics. These topics have been carefully chosen so the children can apply learning across a range of mathematical disciplines.

You can help at home by practicing the 2,3,4,5,and 8 times tables.

Children can log on at home to TTRS and complete challenges as they like. Cetificates will be awarded in worship for time spent playing on TTRS.

Reading

Every child has been given a school reading book, which continues the whole school system for colour bands. Your child has the responsibility to change their own book when finished or when they are ready for a change.

Please encourage your children to write the books they have read into their reading record, so that they can be proud of their reading achievements and achieve one of the reading challenge certificates! Children should continue to read aloud to an adult as much as possible – we ask for a minimum of 3 times a week. Please could you continue to sign and comment in the reading journal – it really helps! Please make sure your child has their reading journal in school every day.

Books linked to our UK topic:

Maps of the United Kingdom – Rachel Dixon & Livi Gosling

A Street Through Time – Dr Anne Millard & Steve Noon

Katie Morag and the Two Grandmothers – Mairi Hedderwick

The Big Book of the UK – Harriet Seed & Lisa Williams

Journey Around the United Kingdom – Claudia Martin

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday to practise for a test on the following Friday. The words will be the basis of our spelling sessions throughout the week when spelling rules and patterns will be discussed and learnt.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Erin Leigh (Class Teacher)