

Year 4

Spring Term 3

2015-2016

**Homework**

Given out each Friday and to be returned on or before the following Wednesday.

Reading

Children should read every day at home, and their reading record should be signed by an adult.

Spellings

Words to learn will be given out every Friday with homework and tested the following

PE kit

PE kits need to be in school every Monday and will be sent home on Mondays. PE is on **Monday**. Children will also have a swimming lesson on **Thursday** and will need their swimming kit in school that day. Please make sure they have a swimming hat!

Out of school trips

On Wednesday 13th January, we will be going on a local trip to the river Thames to look at its features and to create first-hand sketches.

You are invited...

...to view our term's learning about water in the form of a presentation that will be shared on the school website. More details to follow!

This term our learning will be based around the theme of
'Water'

Children will learn about the following...

Maths: Children will explore the links between decimal place value and fractions, learning to look at pictorial representations and record them as both a decimal and fraction. They will also focus on measuring length, mass and capacity and converting between different measures.

English: Children will use their knowledge of newspaper texts to research and write an article about the recent floods. They will also learn about the features of explanation texts and create their own about the water cycle.

Science: Children will learn about electricity; understanding and making series circuits with a range of components and testing the effects of different insulators and conductors.

Geography: Children will learn about the water cycle, and how rivers impact the places around them.

History: Children will focus on the river Thames, its history and how it has shaped the development of London.

Art/DT: In Art lessons children will study the work and techniques of Monet, and will complete their own artwork inspired by the Thames in his style.

PE: Dance

RE: Buddhist festivals

Computing: Multimedia

Music: Glockenspiel Stage 2 and 3, recorder improvisation

Spanish: Asking for Spanish translations

PSHE and Citizenship: Being healthy

You can help your child to succeed by doing the following:

- Encourage your child to read their reading book every day and ask them about what has happened in the story – don't forget to sign and date in their reading record book!
- Daily spelling practice
- Practising times table facts up to 12x12 daily
- Supporting your child in becoming more independent in getting organised for school; packing their own bag and remembering the things they'll need.

**Happy New Year and welcome back to another term at Ashmole.
We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning ahead.
Mrs Purves and the Year 4 team**