

Year 4

Spring Term 3

2016-2017

**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**. Swimming lessons will start in January.

Important dates

Our first swimming session is on Friday 13th January. Children will need to bring their swimming kit to school in the morning and must remember a swimming hat.

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

- Daily reading practice with your child
- Daily reading **to** your child (in any language!)
- Daily handwriting practice
- Daily spelling practice
- Practising times table facts and division facts daily
- Supporting your child in becoming more independent in getting organised for school

This term our learning will be based around the theme of

'Water'

Children will learn about the following...

Maths: Children will be learning about fractions and decimals with 1 and 2 decimal places. They will be converting fractions to decimals and comparing these. Children will be converting different units of measurement and using these in problem solving activities.

English: Children will be studying explanation texts and using the features to write their own on the water cycle. Children will be looking at imaginary worlds and writing stories based on these.

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 how water is used in different places and how it affects how people live.

History: Children will focus on how homes have changed, comparing homes from the past with the modern day.

Art/DT: Using the stimulus of water, children will be 'making a splash' by creating their own artwork in the style of Jackson Pollock.

PE: dance

RE: events in the life of Jesus

Computing: multimedia

Music: Glockenspiel stage 3 (Charanga)

Spanish: asking for Spanish translations

PSHE and Citizenship: going for goals/persistence

Welcome to a new term at Ashmole. We hope you had an enjoyable break and wish you all a happy new year. If you have any questions about your child's learning and development, please speak to a member of the Year 4 team.

Mrs Purves and the Year 4 team