



Hopwood C.P. School

Year 4 Parent Leaflet

Autumn 1



Miss Harewood and Mrs Senior have had a really enjoyable week with Year 4; they have settled in very well indeed! We are looking forward to a very busy year ahead, with lots of exciting topics to learn about.

We are here to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. However, we do ask that parents see us after school so we can attend to the children in the morning.

Curriculum Overview

English—We will be using our Star Books as a basis for writing stories, leaflets and adverts. In our grammar work, we will be focusing on the use of expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.

Maths—We will be concentrating on place value of numbers up to ten thousand. As well as this, we will be rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and adding and subtracting four digit numbers.

Science—This term we will be finding out how to classify animals. The children will explore how we group animals depending on their characteristics.

Geography—We will be exploring natural disasters, comparing the effects of volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

DT— In DT lessons, we will be designing and making our own moving posters.

Music—In our music lessons, we will be creating rhythms of the rainforest.

RE—We will look at religious beliefs about God. We will be finding out about various beliefs in Islam, Christianity and Hinduism.

PSHE—We will be looking at diversity and what makes us different. As well as this, we will also be exploring our rights and responsibilities.

Spanish— We will be practising key greetings and 'getting to know you' conversations.



Star Books



Important Dates

Learning Together/Meet the Teacher—

WC 15th September

After School Clubs Start— **WC 6th October**

School Photographer— **Thursday 16th October**

Parents Evening - **Monday 20th October**



Useful Links

Accelerated Reader



Times Tables Rock Stars



Weekly Reminders

Class 9 and Class 10 PE takes place **every Friday**. Please ensure the children come to school in their kit on this day. Children will need a pair of black pumps that will be kept in school.

Please ensure that all kit is labelled.

Children are expected to **read at least 4 times a week**. Homework is sent out **every Thursday** and due in every **Wednesday**.

How to help your child at home



Spelling



It is important for the children to learn the spelling words they are set. Spending time writing words they find particularly tricky is also very important. Each week, as part of their homework, children are asked to learn a set of words. The spelling words may be based on set Year 4 patterns or they may be from the statutory word lists. The statutory spelling list for Year 3/4 can be found at the back of the reading record. By the end of Year 4, children should aim to spell all of the words on this list (see QR code for spelling list).



Practising spelling is most beneficial when it is fun and varied. Online games such as can be motivating, and so can more traditional games like hangman. Making silly sentences can be great fun too. Challenge your child to write a silly sentence, including as many of the words on their spelling list as possible.

Use the QR code below to practise your spelling words.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

Geography

In geography lessons, we are focussing on natural disasters. Starting with earthquakes, we will find out how tectonic plates work and how they affect our world! The children will delve into the world of volcanoes and tsunamis, assessing past natural disasters in order to find out more about them.

Why not use the QR code below to explore our geography topic on volcanoes through BBC Bitesize!

