

CURRICULUM LETTER

Year 4 - Autumn 1



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Dear Parents / Carers of Exwick Heights Year 4 pupils

This half term in **English**, we will first be focusing on key sentence skills. We will consolidate our knowledge and application of spelling, punctuation and grammar rules. We will then study the narrative 'Stone Age Boy', learning to write imaginative stories about a journey back in time.



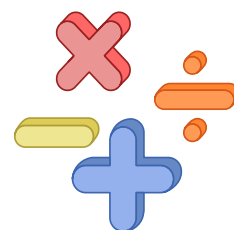
Supporting learning at home: Please encourage your child to practise any new spellings set using 'Doodle Spell'. There will also be English tasks set through 'Doodle English'. Please provide opportunities for your child to practise their handwriting at home.



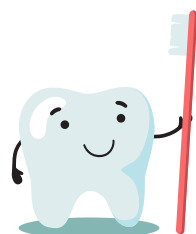
Reading themes this half term will include awesome authors, sensational sports stars and inspirational individuals. We encourage children to read widely at home and explore different genres whilst developing their expression by reading aloud to family members.

Supporting learning at home: As always, do encourage your child to read a range of books, both fiction and non-fiction. Year 6 children should read at home for a minimum of 20 minutes a day and, for each book your child reads, they can complete an Accelerated Reader quiz to earn points - eventually becoming a Word Millionaire and more! Regular reading will be rewarded with tickets in the 'Read to Succeed' draw, where they could win a book!

In **Maths**, we will be focusing on **place value**. We will be recognising, partitioning, ordering and comparing numbers up to 10,000. We will then focus on addition and subtraction. We will be using mental strategies and written column methods to add and subtract large numbers.



Supporting learning at home: Please encourage your child to complete the activities set on 'Doodle Maths'. They are also able to access 'Doodle Tables' to complete independent practice.



In **science**, we will be learning about **Teeth and Digestion**. We will learn the names and functions of different teeth and how to keep them healthy. We will discover what happens to our food after it is swallowed and even create our own digestive system!

Supporting learning at home: Discuss the importance of good oral hygiene with your child and encourage them to become more independent with this.

We will be studying the **Romans** and their impact on Britain. We will learn about why and how the Roman Empire was so successful. We will discover what life was like in Roman Britain and how it has impacted the Britain we live in today.

Supporting learning at home: Explore the Roman ruins and artefacts found within Exeter such as the Roman wall, St Catherine's Chapel and the treasures within the RAMM museum.



REACH THE HEIGHTS

In **DT**, we will be building our own **pavilions**. Using recyclable materials, we will learn to create 3D shapes and to use a range of joining techniques.

Supporting learning at home: Support your child in using scissors safely and correctly.



In **PE**, we will be learning to play netball. We will develop our catching and throwing skills whilst understanding the rules of the game. We will also be creating sequences of **dance** and will link these to our learning in class.

Supporting learning at home: Fitness can be supported by walking, scootering or cycling to school.

Our **PSHE** focus is '**Being Me In My World**'. We will think about our dreams and goals, while also holding school council elections and learning about British Values.

Supporting learning at home: Encourage your child to discuss any highlights or worries they might have.



In **RE**, we will be exploring Hinduism and learning about what people believe and the difference this makes to how they choose to live their life. We will be able to identify some Hindu deities and understand how they help Hindus describe God. Talk to your child about the importance of gaining an understanding of different religions, beliefs and ways of living in today's world.

Supporting learning at home: Encourage your child to discuss their own beliefs at home.

In **Computing**, we will be writing Year 4 online safety rules to ensure we know how to keep ourselves safe online. We will also be learning about systems and networks to understand exactly what the Internet is and how it works.

Supporting learning at home: Encourage your child to use the internet safely and remind them of the importance of only playing age-appropriate games.



In **French**, we will begin to learn key phrases and words including how to greet one another, introduce ourselves and name our family members.

Supporting learning at home: There are some excellent resources on BBC Bitesize to support French learning including games and the TV show 'Muzzy'.

Home Learning: All 'core' home learning will be checked on a Friday, with time scheduled in the day to share and celebrate any 'Curiosity' tasks completed. If you would like to email anything to share in this session, please use the admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk address.

We can't wait to begin our Year 4 journey together and look forward to working with you! If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher directly or email admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk; your query will be passed to them. If you have any concerns or want to bring something to our attention, please do contact the Year Group Lead - Ms Lloyd Seetim.

Yours sincerely, Ms Fiona Lloyd-Seetim
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