

# Nevill Road Junior School 2015-2016



## Welcome to Year 4

Our topic this term is Around the World in 80 Days.  
Year 4 will be focusing on Europe and Italy.

This term we will be focussing on the following areas and skills:

### English

We will be looking at writing recount text. During this topic, we will be taking inspiration from the book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit.

Within this, we will focus on appropriate use of fronted adverbials, effective vocabulary and different types of sentences.

We will also study explanation texts.

Much of the writing we will be focusing on, will be cross curricular based.

We will also continue to work on spelling, punctuation and grammar.

### Maths

This term we will continue with Big Maths. It uses sequences of progression, prioritises the teaching of core numeracy and is delivered through a structured **CLIC** (Counting, Learn Its, It's Nothing New and Calculations) session every morning.

In year 4 we are looking at different aspects of number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, geometry, fractions, measurements and statistics. These units will include the opportunity for children to explore the three main aims of Maths- **fluency, reasoning and problem solving.**

### Science and Topic

Our topic this term is 'Around the world in 80 days'. We will investigate Europe first, looking at countries, cities, rivers, mountains. The children will have opportunity to explore, research and present information practically and collaboratively.

After half term, we will focus more specifically on Italy.

In Science, the children will be studying teeth and digestion. This will include a visit from a dental hygiene professional to talk about the importance of looking after our teeth. Science work will give the children a chance to plan and explore through investigations.

## **PE days and what we are doing**

### **Indoor P.E. - Wednesday**

In this session, we will be doing athletics. This will include running (for speed, over obstacles and distance), throwing, jumping for distance and height and relays.

### **Outdoor P.E. - Tuesday**

This will be led by a qualified coach.

All PE kit should be clearly named. Children may not wear **ANY** jewellery when doing PE, so earrings should either be left at home that day or children need to be able to remove them themselves.

## **Homework**

In our Year group the following homework will be set (in line with the school's Homework policy):

Friday- Maths and English homework handed out to be completed for the following Thursday.

Please ensure that your child has their reading book, reading record and homework diary in school every day.

## **How you can help:**

You can help your child in a variety of ways. Reading is still very important and children also love to be read to! Times tables are also a great thing to practise with your child. If you can find any opportunities for your child to help you with writing, such as shopping lists, cards, letters etc. Give them time to have a go and don't correct every spelling just focus on the common words.

## **Quick Reminders:**

We encourage children to bring a refillable bottle of water into school that they can access throughout the day. This should be a 'sports cap' style bottle that can be shut securely to avoid any spillages.