



# Year 4 Spring Curriculum Letter

Mengham Junior School  
Spring 2024

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and have enjoyed seeing in the New Year!

## Writing

Writing in 2024 begins with learning about what makes a successful discussion text revolving around the topic of superheroes.

## Maths

Maths will focus on recapping our learning on fractions and applying this learning to real-life contexts. Later in the term, we will be working on geometry, measurement and time.

## Reading

In guided reading this term, we will be enjoying the fictional books called Charlotte's Web, Ottoline and the Yellow Cat and Black Dog before exploring the themes within our non-fiction text called What a Waste.

## History

This term, our History learning will be investigating the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England.

## Computing

In computing we will be focussing on being safe online. We will be finding out about online reputations and online relationships to help keep us safe. We will also be programming using BBC Micro and using this to carry out a project—Get off my stuff.

## Art/DT

This term in art, we will be learning how to draw things in proportion as well as exploring cross hatching to build detail. We will then use these skills to accurately draw dinosaurs. Later in the term, we will have the opportunity to visit a local art gallery. In DT, the children will be finding out about healthy snacks and how to make their own.

## PDL

In PDL this half term, Year 4 will be learning about how relationships change in our topic 'Changes in Families'. We will discuss how families are the same and different, why they are important and what to expect from them. After half term, we move onto the topic of 'Ups and downs in relationships'

## RE

In the first half term, we will be exploring the topic of 'Belonging' and how the weekly Jewish tradition of Shabbat helps Jewish people feel like they belong. After the half-term holiday, we will be studying how rituals affect people's lives and the importance of the Paschal candle to Christians.

## Science

In 2024, we will be carrying out our longitudinal study focusing on the question 'What happens to the weather throughout the year?' We will also be learning about animals and their digestion and how plants reproduce.

## PE

To begin with, Year 4 will be learning all about the skills needed to be successful playing hockey and taking part in gymnastics. Later in the term, we will further develop our dance skills and introduce the sport basketball.

## Geography

Our geography topic is called 'Looking Local' and involves a fieldwork project: travelling the perimeter of school grounds to investigate the types of houses and areas to live on Hayling Island.

## Music

Year 4 love music and we will be continuing our learning of duration and structure with a link to our writing unit about superheroes. We will then have fun fitting rhythm patterns to a steady beat and learn to write our own music.

## French

In French, we will be learning vocabulary to describe how to travel and how to say that we like and dislike things.



## Home Learning

We would like to remind you that home learning will take the same format as last term. We would also like to say thank you to parents for your commitment to home learning. Please continue using the information found in the reading log book. Your children will be asked to read at least 5 times a week alongside times tables and spelling practise. Don't forget our termly reading challenge: to read 8 books! Everyone who completes this challenge, will be awarded a free book of their choice at the end of term celebration assembly.

## A reminder...

Please ensure your child has a full indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school each week. This includes black shorts/tracksuit trousers, a t-shirt or polo in their house colour and suitable trainers or plimsolls. A jumper is also a good idea at this time of year. Please ensure suitable tape is provided for earrings that cannot be removed as these cannot be removed by staff. Please make sure that all items brought into school are named.

## Key Events & Dates

**P.E. Days:** Wednesdays & Thursdays

**Home Learning:** Due Thursdays and set Fridays

**Geography Fieldwork:** Friday 26th January

**Lime Class Assembly:** Friday 1st March

**Safer Internet Day:** Tuesday 6th February

**Parents' Evenings:** Monday 4th March and Wednesday 6th March

**Half Term:** Monday 12th February—Friday

**World Book Day :** Thursday 7th March

**Art Gallery Trip:** TBC

**DT Challenge Day:** Tuesday 26th March

**End of term:** Wednesday 27th March

**INSET Day:** Thursday 28th March