

# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Year 4 Parents,

Welcome back to all our families! We are really pleased at how well the children have settled into Year 4. They have re-adapted to the new routines and are enjoying our topic; 'Winchester: Our Local Area.' It is wonderful to see all the children happy and socialising with their friends again. Both classes are thrilled to continue hearing about the adventures of Shylo and the Royal Rabbits of London in the third book in the series. Being read to after lunch every day is a highlight for both classes and we often get asked to read 'just a few more pages'!

## Colleagues in Year 4

**Chestnut Class** – Mrs Maria Hughes-Phillips, Mrs Rangecroft/Mrs Bright.

**Larch Class** – Miss Natalie Hurn and Mrs Francis

**Geography and History:** Our topic this term is 'Winchester: Our Local Area'. We have begun by looking at Winchester; the geographical location of our city and a little bit about its diverse and interesting history. Unfortunately we are not able to visit the Cathedral as planned, but if you are in town and wander around the Cathedral area, this will help the children with the topic to come. We will introduce the Home Learning puzzle in the next few weeks, please encourage your children to continue their learning at home as and when they would like to.

We will be getting stuck into some art that is linked to the Cathedral; designing and making stained glass window artwork inspired by the large stained glass window above the entrance.

**English:** English is taught through daily Writing lessons and also Guided Reading. This term we are reading The Story of Flight in Guided Reading and the 'Journey Trilogy' in English. After half term, we will be basing all our Reading and Writing around The Firework Maker's Daughter.

## PE:

**Chestnut:** Monday and Thursday

**Larch:** Tuesday and Friday

Sometimes there may be a change to this so it is important that PE kits are kept in school all week.

**Reading:** We place reading in high importance at the Westgate School. The children participate daily in a range of reading activities, these include reading comprehension, shared reading and reading during topic lessons. Please ensure your child has their book bag with their reading books in it in school every day, as we often enjoy reading for 10 minutes during the school day.

**Library:** Both classes visit the library on a Friday afternoon and are encouraged to choose up to two books; one fiction and one non-fiction. Please ensure that your child has their books in school ready to change on this day.

**Spelling:** We teach several spelling lessons a week, in conjunction with handwriting. These spellings are then applied in the children's writing.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Year 4 Team