

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Learning in Year 4



**GREENLEYS**  
JUNIOR SCHOOL

**LEARNING *for* LIFE**

**Spring 2020**  
**Terms 3 and 4**

### English

This term we will be spending time basing our writing around our topic, European Explorers, which is linked to the countries found in Europe and healthy eating. We will be writing our own endings to the famous myth; Pandora's Box, creating a tourist information guide about a European country, creating an artist factfile, using our persuasive skills to create a leaflet and writing instructions on how to make a healthy pizza, which we hope parents will join us to create!



### Maths

In maths this term we will continue to look at a variety of topics including: Decimals, adding and subtracting money, negative numbers, position and direction, fractions and the year 4 written methods. We will, as always, be learning our times tables based on our personal times table targets! Don't forget to practice at home!



### Science

This term, we will be looking at our digestive system and exploring how it works. The children will be investigating this by completing an experiment which has been much enjoyed in previous years!

After half term, we will be looking at teeth. This will involve lots of practical work consisting of seeing the effect of sugar on teeth and how to take care of them. We will also be using our modelling skills to create a clay model of the different kinds of teeth we have.



### Computing

We use our laptops on a regular basis in year 4 and the children are becoming more and more skilful with lots of different programmes. During our computing lessons, we will be focussing on Excel and learning the functions of the programme. The children will also be extending the skills they learnt last year and will be using their laptops across many different subjects.

### Topic

Our topic this term is European Explorers which focusses on the countries in Europe and moves on to look at balanced diets and healthy eating. The children will be looking at different pizza recipes and designing their own healthy pizzas. Once they have planned their pizza, they will be making their own healthy one based on their designs. They will also be finding out the effect of sugar and foods that are high in fat, on our bodies and teeth. We will also be having a tasting session of some healthy, balanced meals created by our school chef.



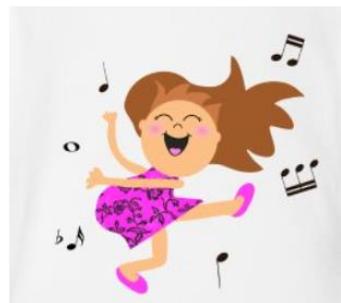
### Religious Education

In term 3, our unit of work will be focussing on Hindu worship and building on the learning from year 3. We will tie this in with our English writing skills and the children will be writing a letter to Miss Thurstance based on the learning they have completed. After half term, we will be thinking about the most important Christian festival, Easter, and this will include a visit from the Reverend of The Holy Trinity Church in Old Wolverton.



### Physical Education

In Term 3 the children will be taking part in Hockey and Gymnastics lessons and in Term 4 they will be concentrating on Athletics and Dance.



### Helping Your Child At Home



Homework is set on Thursday and due the following Monday. This needs to be handed in once completed and it will be marked and passed back. Each completed piece will be awarded house points.

We have been really pleased with how the children have been reading 3 times a week at home towards the end of last term. Please continue to do this and ensure that your child's reading record is signed by an adult. The reading records that are handed in on a Monday, are checked each week and book points are awarded.

It would be extremely helpful to keep practising how to tell the time and times tables with your child at home as these areas do take a lot of practice!

We look forward to sharing the work we have done across these two terms towards the Easter holidays and hope that you will be able to join us for our pizza making workshop; an event that all of the children in previous years have greatly enjoyed! We will send out a date and time nearer to the event.