



## Guide to the Curriculum in Class 4

Summer 2018

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Reading:** Please encourage your child to read regularly and discuss their books with them at home. Please update their planner each time you read or discuss their book with them. Children should read at least four times at home each week and books can only be changed in school if you have signed to say your child has finished their book. There is a dollar scheme whereby each child shall receive a dollar for every time they read.

**Times Tables:** Children are expected to practise their times tables on our new TT Rock Stars five times per week and focus on improving their recollection speeds.

**Homework:** Children will receive times table revision and a literacy or maths task each week. Children are also expected to continually revise the Year 5 and 6 spelling list and their personal spellings which can be found at the beginning of their reading diaries.

A piece of extended homework will be set every half term

**Planners:** These need to be in school daily.

**PE:** Please make sure children always have their PE kit in school. PE will take place outdoors this term and children will need a white T-shirt and dark shorts. PE will take place on Tuesdays this term. Children will also need a swimming kit for Friday afternoons.

**Belongings:** Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.

Welcome back to a brand new term at East Hanningfield! We will be very busy this term and I would like to inform you of all the different aspects of learning we'll be focusing on this summer.

In our **History** topic we are going to be learning about the Victorians. This will involve interpreting historical data, investigating how maps have changed and altered, understanding the population explosion and learning about railways and changing landscapes. In **Geography** we will be learning about the British Empire and the Commonwealth.

In **Design Technology** and **Art** we shall be researching and replicating some of the designs of the Victorian artist: William Morris.

In **Literacy** we shall be learning about stories from other cultures, older literature, film narrative, dramatic conventions and choral and performance.

Children will also be involved in weekly guided reading sessions and complete reading comprehension tasks. Children will be learning spelling techniques several times a week and a copy of the spellings that children are expected to know has been sent home. Please continue to test your child on these spellings frequently throughout the Summer term.

In **Mathematics** the Year Six children will be revising hard for their SATs and will be covering number, place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios and scaling, shape, measures, statistics and algebra. The Year fives will follow the same topics with a differentiated approach. After the SATs, we will be concentrating on problem solving, calculator skills and investigations.

In **Science** this half term we will be all about evolution and inheritance.

In **Computing** we will be learning about cryptography whilst in **Physical Education** we shall be learning about catching and fielding games (cricket) and this will take place on a Tuesday.

Finally, in **Religious Education** we shall be learning about Buddhism and this will be taught by Mrs Thomas.

Children will have either a Literacy or Numeracy task to complete for homework each week. This is given out on a **Wednesday** and is expected to be handed in on the following **Monday**. There is also a reward scheme where all children can earn dollars for reading at home and getting good marks in their weekly times table tests. \$20 = a delicious treat! There will also be a piece of extended homework based on our topic this half term. Children are also expected to practise their times tables every week on our new 'TT Rock Stars'.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions you are welcome to talk to me after school or you can book an appointment through the office if it is more convenient.

Kind Regards - Mr.Forster