Stow Heath Primary School—Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Reading	Writing	Numeracy	Reminders:

Reading

This term our reading focus will be:

- A range of recounts.
- The biography of Rosa Parks.
- Fables.
- Fairy Stories and alternative fairy stories— the Pea and the Princess

Writing

This term our writing focus will be:

- Recounts— The ugly sharkling
- Chronological report— biography
- Fables
- Fairy Stories and alternative fairy stories.

Numeracy

This term our numeracy focus will be:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Measurement
- Multiplication and Division

Reminders:

Please send your child dressed in a plain white t shirt, black shorts (optional) and a school jumper or cardigan (no hoodies or tracksuit tops) every **Tuesday.**

Please send your child to school with their home reading book **every day,**

How to help your child with their reading at home:

- Practise reading Year 3 and 4 common exception words.
- Read a range of different texts e.g. poems, stories, comics, newspapers and non fiction texts.
- Read given home reading book regularly.
- Use Lexia at least three times a week.

Help children with reading at home – follow this link

How to help your child with their writing at home:

- Find out facts about Rosa Parks and make notes.
- Continue to practise writing using a cursive style.
- Write and spell correctly Year 3 and 4 common exception words.
- Practise given spellings each week.
- Keep a daily diary.
- Help children with writing at home – follow this link

How to help your child with their maths at home:

- 15 minutes a day using TimesTable Rockstars. Learn to recite Timestables from 1-12.
- Practise using formal method for addition and subtraction.
- Help children with maths at home – follow this link

Key dates:

Half term– 27.10.23

Return to school– 6.11.23

Inset day– 6.11.23 and 22.12.23

Break up for

Christmas– 2212.23

Return to school 8.1.23

Science 1

Pupils will learn about electricity. They will develop knowledge and skills about how to make a circuit.

RE

Pupils will focus on Judaism and The Meaning of Christmas.

Music

Pupils will learn about timeless pop songs from the 70s and how to play the glockenspiel. Children will sing, play, improvise and

compose their own music

PE

Pupils will focus on football, swimming, yoga and dance.

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Shine like a Star

Our Topic this term is:

H2O

Geography

Pupils will develop geographical knowledge and skills related to a river study and the water cycle.

DT

Pupils will design and make a motorised boat.

History

Pupils will develop historical knowledge and skills related to the topic about the Black Country and its canals.

Art

Pupils will study the artist Claude Monet and learn about using water colours.

Science 2

Pupils will learn about sound. They will develop knowledge and skills about how sound is made.

PSHE

Pupils will focus on the themes Being In My World and Celebrating Difference.

ICT

Pupils will learn about coding, online safety and spreadsheets.

MFL (KS2)

Pupils will begin to learn to

introduce myself and all about my family in Spanish.

Homework Activities for Autumn 1

Choose at least one activity to do each week. Bring it in to school so we can celebrate your learning whilst at home.

Literacy

Watch the 'The Ugly Sharkling' on Literacy Shed.. Type 'The Ugly Sharkling' into your search bar on a Ipad or phone to access this.

Maths

Practise your 2, 5s and 10s times tables. How quick can you write them out?

What other multiplication facts do you now also know? e.g 3x4=12 so 4x3=12

RE

Research and write 10 facts about the Jewish religion.

Geography

Make a 3D water cycle showing the different stages. Label the stages and get creative!

History

Create fact file about James Brindley. Find out how his invention has impacted our local area.

PSHE

Create a job description explaining how to be a good member of the class.

Music

Choose two ABBA songs to listen to.

Explain why you like or dislike them using musical terms.

DT

Research, draw and label a motored boat design.

Art

Based on Monet's famous water lilies, Develop your craft skills by 3D water lilies on a paper plate pond..

ICT

Log in to Purple Mash and complete the 'Unit 4.1 quiz' about coding.

PE

Choose a physical activity and set yourself a challenge.

E.g. Count how many kick ups you can do.

Science

Make a poster explaining how to stay safe when using electricity.

MFL (KS2)

Draw your family members and label them in Spanish.