



Hill Mead Primary School

Year 4

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Autumn Term 1 2011

Welcome

Welcome back for the start of a new year and Term 1! It is great to see all the Year 4 children looking so refreshed and enthusiastic to learn. We are really looking forward to a fun and hardworking year ahead. I know we have lots of exciting topics and events to look forward to.

Reminders

PE:
All children must bring to school a proper P.E. kit (plain black shorts, a white t-shirt with the school logo and trainers). These can be bought from the school office.

Blue class on Tuesday
Red class on Friday.

Reading:
Please encourage your child to read every evening. Ideally an adult should listen to a child read so that you can help improve their confidence at reading.

Spellings:
Your child is set ten spellings every Tuesday. Please help your child learn these throughout the week, you will be able to find the spelling list in their homework books. Your child will be tested every Friday.

Homework

Homework in Year 4 is set every Tuesday and should be returned to school completed on the following Monday. It is essential that the children complete their homework to support their learning in school.

What will my child be learning this term?

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| NUMERACY | Rounding Negative numbers Multiplication and division | Year 4 have begun learning about the number system. This week we introduced the children to the concept of negative numbers. They will be continuing to count, order and identifying 2,3, and 4 digit negative numbers. During this term we will also be teaching the children how to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. |
| LITERACY | <i>Fly, Eagle, Fly!</i> An African traditional tale. | We have started reading our new class book called <i>Fly, Eagle Fly!</i> . Year 4 will base their learning around this book and will include writing character descriptions and diary extracts. Writing techniques will be further improved with the use of connectives and adverbs. |
| TOPIC | The American Civil Rights Movement and The 1968 Mexican Olympics | Our topic this term is the American Civil Rights Movement. Year 4 will be studying key figures like Dr Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks, Tommie Smith and John Carlos. We will be linking aspects of our topic to literacy and producing our own newspaper articles. Please encourage your child to find out information on our topic from the internet or by visiting a local library. |

Thank you

Miss Blair and Mr Highman and Miss Forna