



Autumn 2023 1st Half Term – Year 4

Hello and welcome from the new Team Heathland. We hope you all had a great Summer Holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

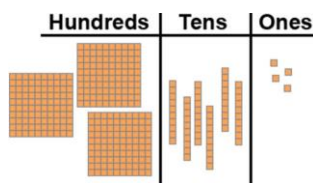
We have a busy year ahead and the aim of these updates is to keep you informed of team specific information and dates that will be useful to you. These will include things like dates for trips, workshops and important events. We also aim to give you an overview of what the children will be learning each half term. We will ensure that throughout the year we provide lots of opportunities to talk about how you can support your children at home with different activities for their learning.

English

- ★ **Writing** - the children will spend this half term looking at how sentences include nouns, verbs and written in the present tense. We will also look at expanded noun phrases by looking at a range of texts and writing examples of our own.
- ★ **Reading**- the children will be focusing on comprehension skills and deepening their understanding of a text by bringing their own views and opinions. They will also understand the structure and features of new text types and compare them to texts that they are already familiar with.
- ★ **Spellings** – Your child will soon bring home their new 'Spelling Wall'. They will have five spellings to learn each week and will spend some time in class understanding how to practice new spelling words.

Maths

- ★ **Place Value**- we will re-cap our knowledge of place value, extending children's knowledge of bigger, and more complex numbers. This will also develop their skills to round numbers up and down. We will begin with focusing on what different combinations of numbers make up 100 and 1000 e.g. 2 500s, 5 20s etc. The children will recap what the different numerals represent within a 3 digit number before moving on to place value of 4 digit numbers. The children will also look at finding 100 more or less than a number. We will be comparing and ordering different numbers.



Foundation Subject focus areas

- ★ **History:**
Stone Age to Iron Age
- ★ **Geography:**
Time zones and seasons
- ★ **Computing:**
Computing systems and networks: collaborative learning
- ★ **RE:**
Christianity – Harvest Festival
- ★ **PE:**
Invasion games: Basketball
- ★ **PSHE:**
Mind-up curriculum
- ★ **Art Week focus:**
Line: Architecture
- ★ **Science:**
Rocks and States of Matter
- ★ **Music:**
Creating compositions in response to an animation (Theme: Mountains)
- ★ **French:**
Responding to others confidently in French

Foundation Subject *big questions* will be updated on the school

Team Heathland reminders for this half term

- ★ School Trip to Butser Farm – **Tuesday 19th September 2023**
- ★ Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled, it is much easier to return lost items if they are named. This includes school water bottles that every child is required to have in school daily.
- ★ **Curriculum evening:** Tuesday 26th September 6:30pm
- ★ P.E. days are as follows:

Bracken - Monday and Tuesday

Heather and Sundew – Tuesday and Thursday

Many thanks for your support