



# Jessie Younghusband School

## Year 4 – Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term 2021

Welcome to our autumn term curriculum letter! Welcoming you back, we have a fantastic first term lined up! In this letter, you will find useful information relating to this term's overall learning themes and special events, along with helpful information for you to assist your child in their learning along the way.

### **Important information:**

#### Clothing and Equipment

- Please can P.E. kit be in school **all week** from Monday morning. Ideally the children will then take them home to be washed. We will begin our P.E. units this term with netball and swimming. **Children will need to bring suitable shoes for outdoor PE.**
- Children should bring a change of shoes if they intend to use the field at playtime during wet weather.
- To ensure that any 'found' items can be returned to their owners, please can you ensure that your child's P.E. kit and other clothing brought to school is clearly named.
- Swimming will resume this half term on a **Thursday morning** however, we are still awaiting confirmation on a start date. **A letter with more information on swimming will follow.**
- Please can children come to school with a water bottle, filled with water only.



#### Home Learning

- In preparation for the times tables test in Year 4, I ask if you can please encourage your children to practice their times tables at home. A fun way to do this is by logging into Times Table Rockstars ([www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)).

**A login for Times Table Rockstars will be provided in every child's homework book.**

- Home Learning is usually set on a **Friday** and should be returned to school by the following **Wednesday**. This is unless a project task is set in which the children will have more time to complete it. In most instances, home learning will be linked to what the children have been learning in class that week or a task in preparation for the following weeks learning.
- The children will receive a **spelling list every Friday** along with their Home Learning task. These spellings will be **reviewed every Friday morning** so the children have a week to practice these at home and become confident at spelling these words independently.
- Please try and read with your children as much as possible – supporting your child by listening to them read and engaging with them on the content of their reading material

## Meet The Teacher

This term, we have made short videos to introduce ourselves to you without the need for parents to come into school. The Year 4 video is available to watch at:

<https://youtu.be/c03WOWJMpjM>

## Contact

We know how important it is to be in regular communication with you as parents, sharing information to ensure we can each support them both at school and at home. I am available for short conversations before school and for longer conversations after school, and will aim to make myself visible and available outside the Year 4 classroom each day. Please feel free to say hello!

Now that parents have more access to the school site again, we would kindly ask that email is no longer used as the primary contact point for teachers. Should you need to contact a member of staff via email, we ask that these are now directed to [office@jys.org.uk](mailto:office@jys.org.uk) who will forward your message on.

## This half term:

We will be kicking off the first half term by learning about environmental changes and their impact on the Earth. In this geography learning theme 'Make a Change!' we will be exploring the many environmental changes our world has faced, how these have impacted animals habitats and the different climate zones of countries and continents around the globe. There will be exciting links to art, where we will create thought provoking sculptures. We will also become 'Eco Warriors', looking for ways we can minimise our footprint both in school and at home.



## Next half term:

We will move into the following half term by exploring life in the Tudor period, during our historical learning theme 'Divorced, Beheaded, Died'. Don't worry, there will be no beheadings in this unit, but we will be finding out about the terrible and great Tudor Kings and Queens and their reign. We will be creating our own Tudor music, have a visit from our history expert Paul Ullson and will finish the Autumn term with a fancy dress themed, Tudor banquet fit for a king (or queen). **Date TBC.**

## Ideas for supporting children's learning at home:

- Visiting the local library;
- Useful books to read: non-fiction texts about the Tudors, climate change and Atlas's;
- <https://www.trockstars.com/> - This is a useful site to support your children in their times tables, ahead of this year's times tables test.
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - This is another great website to help with times tables.

- Reading every day with your child at home/listening to them read.

**Finally...**

- I am available to reach most afternoons to discuss any matters or questions you may have.
- Please let me know if you are able to help by volunteering to listen to children read – your help will be very welcomed and appreciated.

I really look forward to working together with you and your children.

Kind regards,

Miss Weir