



# Northstead Community Primary School

## Seek to Learn

### Year 4 Curriculum Information for Autumn Term 2

	Theme - Wonder
English	We are starting the term with some descriptive writing based around Bonfire night. We will then be writing to entertain, linked to our book Wonder, using the poem 'Still I Rise'. We will also be writing to inform as we are writing speeches on the importance of kindness. In reading, children will be developing their inference skills, deepening their vocabulary whilst clarifying, questioning and predicting on content using stories as well as non-fiction texts.
Maths	We will start the term with a recap on Addition methods and then move onto subtraction methods. During the term, we will also be learning about length and perimeter and will start our multiplication unit before Christmas. Children will also be learning multiplication facts for the times tables up to 12x12. TT Rockstars and daily times tables sessions will be used to help us improve our times tables.
Science	This half term we are learning all about electricity.
History	We will learn about the Gunpowder plot in the first week back and also learn 'Why it is important to Remember them' in the week running up to remembrance day.
Design and Technology	We will be designing, creating and evaluating Christmas crafts in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The children will also make Diva pots in RE as a part of their learning around the Hindu festival, Diwali.
Computing	We will be completing the unit 'We are software developers' this half term.
Art	As artists we will be practising our sketching skills and then move onto creating Bonfire art using a range of media and also some pop art linked with our topic, Wonder.
RE	Children will be learning about festivals in religion and then advent and the Christmas story in December.
PSHE	We will be learning all bullying, peer pressure, celebrating differences and the importance of Kindness.
French	The children will be completing the unit Les Calendrier de fete (Holiday calendar)
Music	Children will learn about rhythm, pitch and pulse as we study and learn the song '5 gold rings'.
P.E.	The children will be learning the game of handball in indoor PE and they will also learn communication skills and tactics in Outdoor adventure activities.

#### Key Dates

Friday 17th December: School breaks up for half term.

Tuesday 4th January: School starts back.

**Extra Information:** Please remember to regularly check Class Dojo, the school website and our twitter feed @nsteadprimary for an up to date calendar of events and information.

## PE for year 4

Monday afternoon - Outdoor PE

Tuesday morning - Indoor PE

Next half term, children need to bring their PE kit in on Monday and leave it in school till a Friday. This is so that the PE timetable can be flexible due to unpredictable weather during the winter months. This PE kit should be in accordance with the expectations for PE uniform for school, this is taken from the school prospectus.

- White polo shirt or t-shirt (not a football top)
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue sweatshirt (Not a hooded top)
- Navy blue joggers
- Trainers

### Jewellery

For reasons of health and safety we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exception to this rule is that children with pierced ears may wear ear studs, one per ear and these MUST be removed for any physical activity in school.

It is not permissible to cover earrings with tape.

If children are unable to take ear studs out themselves they should be left at home on PE /swimming days.

School staff are not allowed to remove or replace earrings.

### How can I help at home?

- Label all belongings clearly. Any uniform left at the end of the day will be placed in the Lost Property box in the cloakrooms. Periodically, this will be emptied and any unclaimed clothing of a reasonable quality will be donated to charity.
- Monitor the amount of time your child spends reading and record this in their reading log. Ask them questions about their reading to ensure they are reading for understanding. Suggestions for this are in the parents' section of the school website.
- Support your child with their times tables through regular practice - TT Rockstars supports this.
- Speak to the class teacher and ask how you can help if you have any concerns.
- Encourage your child to be independent, with a successful approach to learning.
- Children are expected to bring in a healthy snack such as fruit. Please ensure that these are nut free.

### Year 4 Residential Trip

Thank you to all those who have paid your deposits for the East Barnby trip. We will keep you updated with payment dates and other information.

### Reading books and the Library

Please ensure that the children bring their reading books and records into school every day so we can hear them read and give rewards for those reading at home regularly.

We are now visiting the Library every other Friday, please can you ensure children have their library books in their bags every Friday and that they are kept in good condition. If your child is reading a novel they can just renew their book and keep it until they have finished.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Valancius, Miss O'Connor and Mr Armstrong.