

Meet the Teacher Year 4 12th September 2018

Kathryn Delaney
&
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Teaching Staff

Mrs Helen Hearn – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Mrs Kathryn Delaney – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Teaching Assistant – Mrs Susan Manklow – Monday – Friday
mornings only

Routine

- Attendance – Holidays
- Punctuality – Gates open at 8:30am, arrival after 8:55 is registered as late.
- Home Learning – Given on a Friday and 1 piece must be in on the following Tuesday

Year 4 Curriculum

- **Main Topics Foundations Subjects:**
 - **History – The Romans & the Anglo Saxons**
 - **Geography – Earthquakes & Volcanoes, Mapping skills & comparing cities**
 - **RE – Christianity, Hinduism**
 - **French basic vocabulary & verb structures**
 - **Art & Design & Technology – Tessellation, Pointillism, Portraits, Mosaics, gardening, cooking and mechanisms**
 - **Computing – coding, searching, spreadsheets, programming, animation and E Safety**
 - **PSHE – relationships, health & well being, wider World & growing up**
 - **Music – Recorder, Harvest Festival & Christmas**
 - **PE – Tag Rugby, Gymnastics, Dance, Hand ball, Football, Swimming, Hockey, Basket ball, Cricket & Netball**

Visits & Visitors

- Planned some visits & visitors to School aimed at consolidating & deepening knowledge about key topic areas.
- We will notify you by letter of these with all of the details about the activity

Year 4 Curriculum

- Main Topics Core Subjects:
- **Science – Sound, Animals & Humans & their habitats , Electricity & States of Matter**
- **Maths**
- **English – Reading and Book Donation**

Maths

- Maths Passports:
- **Weekly tests on a Monday**
- **Test schedule given out termly**
- **Aim – all children to be fluent in number facts & all tables up to 12 x 12 by end of Year 4**
- **Maths section of School website**
- **<http://mereworth.kent.sch.uk/maths-passports/>**

Maths

- Maths lessons:
- **5 lessons / week of Maths no Problem Scheme**
- **Followed by 'Keep up' sessions as required**
- **Daily Maths Focus sessions for 15 minutes aimed at fluency using mental arithmetic skills**
- **Weekly on a Monday Maths Passport tests**
- **Weekly on a Friday times tables speed tests**

Maths No Problem

- **Focus on developing deeper understanding & the ability to apply skills & knowledge to a variety of problems**
- **Structure of lesson**
- **Focus on developing reasoning & explaining skills – Maths vocabulary & articulation**
- **School Website for Maths no Problem presentation & Maths Calculation policy**
- **<http://mereworth.kent.sch.uk/maths-no-problem/>**
- **<http://mereworth.kent.sch.uk/school-policies/>**

English

- English Lessons
- 5 Lessons per week
- Incorporated will be grammar focus lessons
- Weekly Spelling tests – Tested on Wednesday
- Handwriting – Needs to be cursive
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The Power of Reading

- Follows a structured approach
- Looks at the book in -depth using different strategies – Groups and class discussions, character profiling, character descriptions leading on to extended writing.
- Have a great understanding of writing and grammar

Spellings

- High Frequency Words
- Year 3 and 4 Spellings
- Topic and Science words
- Strategies for spelling with the expectation that the words will be learnt and spelt correctly in writing.

Reading

- Expectation for daily reading
- Signatures and comments in reading records
- Library Visit
- Reading Tree
- Reading in class
- Changing of books – Free readers and Scheme books
- Asking questions about the book especially important if reading is independent

Home Learning

- Aimed at consolidating & deepening learning in Class
- Weekly – Spellings
 - - Maths Passports
- Daily – reading with children focused on developing comprehension skills & the higher order skills of inference & deduction

Assessment

- Assessment is undertaken on a termly basis
- Maths, Reading and Writing
- Mereworth uses an assessment tool of 21 Steps. Please see Website for a more in-depth coverage of the 21 Steps and the expectations for the end of year 4
- <http://mereworth.kent.sch.uk/maths-21-steps/>
- <http://mereworth.kent.sch.uk/writing/>
- <http://mereworth.kent.sch.uk/reading/>

Open door

- Anything you wish to discuss with us you are welcome to talk to us after School at 3.30pm on any day except Wednesdays, as we have a Staff Meeting then.
- Please try & avoid before School if possible as we will be preparing for the day & have less opportunity to talk with you in detail.