



Promoting Progress

# Beechwood Junior School/ Spring Term



# YEAR 4

Your Year 4 Team are:

4A - Mrs Antrobus

4I - Miss Ingram

4P - Mr Powell

Mrs Quinn is the Year 4 Higher Level Teaching Assistant and  
Mrs. Seagrave is the Teaching Assistant.

## BEECHWOOD VISION

At our school we believe in the importance of equipping children with the skills and experiences necessary to prepare them for an ever-changing world and an unknown future. We want to ensure they have the learning attributes that are transferable to a range of situations and contexts. In particular, we believe in the importance of communication in underpinning all social interaction so that pupils can learn from others, express their own views honestly and accurately and be socially fulfilled individuals. Every child will be given the opportunities to learn effective communication skills for use in a variety of social and technological contexts. We also believe in having respect for ourselves, each other and our community including the environment we live in, ensuring all pupils have the skills, confidence and attitudes to become responsible citizens.

Every child will accept and embrace differences by learning from each other. They will respect the views of others and have the confidence to communicate their own ideas and opinions. While they are at Beechwood, the children will develop their roles as active citizens in the world around them, taking responsibility for their learning through a resilient attitude. We will ensure that every child will be given the pastoral support and nurture that they need. They will be encouraged to accept and learn from their mistakes with the understanding that learning is hard.

No child will be left out based on race, age, nationality, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or disability. Neither will they leave our school without the essential knowledge, skills and understanding needed in our ever changing technological world.

The curriculum in our school will allow every child to maximise their full potential and be inspired to become life-long learners. It will promote creativity and independence and it will instil in them a love of learning.

We hope that you enjoyed your Christmas break. We have a very busy spring term planned!

This booklet is just to let you know of forthcoming events and trips in Year 4 to help you plan your diary and know of any upcoming costs. We really hope you will be able to join us for some of our events!

### January:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January** - One World Week! - We will be learning all about Europe as well as taking part in some flamenco dancing and art throughout the week!

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January** - Art Exhibition from 2:30pm. An opportunity to view your child's art work from One World Week.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January** - Winchester Science Centre visit - This will give your child the chance to explore many areas of unique, hands on, interactive science through over 100 exhibits. We will even visit the planetarium there!

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January** - Open Week - A chance for parents to come and spend a session with your child in class.

### February:

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February** - INSET DAY

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 4 PE Cluster event!

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February** - Half term holidays

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February** - **Attendance & Punctuality Week!** Daily competitions and a chance to win some toast.

### March:

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - Sea city Museum visit - This will include a guided, interactive tour around the museum, activities and workshops!

**Date to be confirmed** - You will be invited to join us for a Titanic tea party experience (minus the sinking!)

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - Reports go home. There is a meeting to discuss the new report format and the new curriculum's impact upon this on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 9am and 5.30pm.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March** - INSET DAY

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1:30-7pm** - Parents Consultations → Please book an appointment to discuss your child's progress towards meeting the End Of Year Expectations for Year 4 and any other concerns you or your child's teacher may have.

Finally, if you would like to come in and read with us, or can offer your services for school trips/ supporting Y4 events please let Mrs Antrobus, Miss Ingram or Mr Powell know.

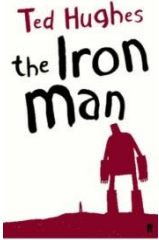



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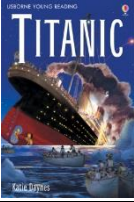



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We are looking forward to a very exciting year, and working closely with you and your children. Thank you in advance for all your support.

The Year 4 team.

SUBJECT	WHAT WE WILL BE STUDYING IN SPRING 1:
TOPIC	Rise of the Robots
ENGLISH	Text: The Iron Man by Ted Hughes Letters in role Newspapers Poetry Explanations 
MATHS	Subtracting & Multiplying  As well as in lots of different contexts!
SCIENCE	Electricity Circuits and conductors 
COMPUTING	Logo. Programming and control. Probots
ART and DESIGN	3D Modeling
PE	Gymnastics 
GAMES	Invasion games and striking - Football SAQ warm ups.
RE	Helping others
PSHE	Developing confidence and responsibility
MFL	French
MUSIC	Body percussion to make a robot composition. 

SUBJECT	WHAT WE WILL BE STUDYING IN SPRING 2:
TOPIC	<b>The Titanic</b>
ENGLISH	Text: <i>Titanic</i> . Usborne young readers Descriptions Short Narratives Letters of complaint Persuasive leaflets 
MATHS	Multiplying & Dividing  As well as in lots of different contexts!
SCIENCE	States of Matter
COMPUTING	Publishing. Animation.
HISTORY	Linked with English. The Titanic
ART and DESIGN	Painting/Collage
PE	Dance 
GAMES	Invasion games and striking/fielding. SAQ warm ups. 
RE	From darkness to light
PSHE	Developing a healthier lifestyle
MFL	French 

## REMINDERS:

Indoor PE kit consists of a plain coloured t-shirt. This may be their house colour or must be plain red or white. We do not allow, under any circumstances, football shirts or t-shirts that have large logos on them.

Please ensure that your child does not wear any jewellery to school on the days they have Swimming or PE as it is a health and safety issue. The only jewellery they are allowed to wear to school at any time are stud earrings, a watch, a flat signet ring or a health warning bracelet. Any other jewellery will be stored in the office and you will be asked to pick it up.

PE is part of the National Curriculum and it is very important that your child takes part regularly. If you do wish them to not take part you must send a note into your child's teacher clearly stating the reason why you wish them to miss their PE or Games lesson. If we do not have a letter they will be expected to take part.

Games is on **Monday**

PE is on **Wednesday**

## HOMEWORK

Homework is **always** given out on a Wednesday and is due back in the following Tuesday. Please try to spend some time with your child and ask them to explain to you what they have to do, but it should be clearly written in your child's Homework Diary. Please take time to complete the Homework Diary as this is a good way of communicating with your child's class teacher. If your child loses their Homework Diary there will be a charge of £2.00 to replace it.

If you have any problems and would like to speak to any of us please call into the school office or phone the school on 023 80227692 and we will get back to you as soon as we can.



## Beechwood e-safety rules

*Within school all pupils use a range of ICT equipment, including cameras, computers and accessing the internet as an essential tool to enhance learning. As a pupil of Beechwood Junior School the expectation is that both pupils and their parents/carers agree to the e-Safety Rules as stated below. Please ensure that you share these with your child so they are understood.*

- If I need to bring in a mobile phone for safety reasons, I will take it straight to reception in the morning and collect it after school.
- I will not bring any USB sticks or memory devices into school and use them without permission.
- I will always use my own log in details to access my files and keep my password a secret.
- I will tell a teacher straight away if I see anything on the internet I am not happy with or if I receive a message I am not happy with.
- I will only use internet sites my teacher approves.
- I will not use internet chat rooms or give away any personal information over the internet.
- I will send emails only to people I know, or who my teacher has approved. All messages I send will be polite and considerate.
- I understand that the school can check my files and the internet sites I visit and any irresponsible use may result in loss of network or internet access.

Any questions please contact Mr Trace our Computing Leader.