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| **Curry Rivel**  **Church of England**  **Primary School** | ***O:\New Logo and Web Images\JPEG\CR logo Purple +txt_renamed_32721.jpg***  ***‘Healthy Trees Bearing Good Fruit’*** | **Discovery Class**  **Autumn Newsletter**  **September 2023** |
| Dear Parents/Carers,  Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely and restful summer break with your families. I hope the children are looking forward to a very busy, but exciting term in Discovery class. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all.  It is hoped that this newsletter gives you an idea of what you can expect from the term ahead. Communication is so important, and although the beginning/end of the day does not allow for long conversations, you can always contact us via the school office.  It is important that you have an understanding of what the school day looks like. Please see the timetable below which illustrates a typical week in Discovery Class this term- this can be used to help you have conversations about what your child has been learning in school each day.  We have lots of exciting lessons coming up and all of the Discovery team are looking forward to starting the new academic year, getting to know the children and sharing our learning journey together.  We are also looking forward to working in partnership with you to help your child develop in confidence, to grow as a learner and as a person, and to making Year 4 in primary school really successful and memorable.  Miss Martin | | |

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|  | **Bell 8.40**  **8.45-9.00:** | **Session 1**    **9.00-9:15** | **Session 2**    **9:15-10:15** | **Break**    **10.15-10.30** | **Session 2**    **10.30-11.00** | **Session 3**    **11.00-12.10** | **Lunch**    **12.10 – 1.05pm** | **Session 4**    **1.05- 1.25** | **Collective Worship**    **1.25-1.50** | **Session 5**    **2.00-3.00** | | | **End of day**    **3.00-3.15** |
| **Mon** | Spelling shed | Maths flashback | Maths | B  R  E  A  K    T  I  M  E | Guided Reading | English | L  U  N  C  H    T  I  M  E | French | Assembly | Independent Reading  1:50 – 2:10 | | P.E  2:10 – 3:00 | Class book |
| **Tues** | Spelling shed | **Term 1:** History  **Term 2:** Geography | | Guided Reading | **Term 1:** Music  **Term 2:**  Computing | Independent Reading | Assembly | Science | | | Class book |
| **Wed** | Spelling shed | Maths flashback | Maths | Guided Reading | English | Independent Reading | Times table practice | **Term 1:** RE  **Term 2:** PSHE | | | Class book |
| **Thu** | TTRS | Maths Flashback | Maths | Punctuation and Grammar (PAG) | English | Independent Reading | Assembly | P.E | | | Class book |
| **Fri** | TTRS | Maths  flashback | Maths | Spelling | English | Independent Reading | **Term 1:** Art  **Term 2:** Design Technology | | Celebration Assembly | | Class book |

**In Discovery Class this term, we will be studying the following units of work**:



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| **English** | Narratives  Non-Chronological reports  Newspaper reports  Diary entries |  | **Science** | Animals including humans |
| **Maths** | Column addition and subtraction  Numbers to 10,000  Perimeter |  | **History** | The Stone Age |
| **PE** | Gymnastics |  | **Geography** | Why are jungles so wet and deserts so dry? |
| **Music** | Musical structures |  | **Art and design** | Power prints |
| **Computing** | Computing systems and networks |  | **PSHE** | Online safety |
| **RE** | What do Christians believe about Agape? |

Knowledge Organisers for Maths, Science, History and Geography will

be sent home. These can be used to discuss what your child is learning

in school, you can use a knowledge organiser in different ways:

Read through it together; discuss tricky vocabulary; quiz your

child on the knowledge they have acquired; play true and false

games with the facts.

**Support team**

This is the team of adults who support Discovery class.

Mrs Ainsworth is our class Teaching Assistant. Mrs Langford is the school ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), teaching across the school and Mrs Monk is the school SENDCo. Mrs Ingham supports in class during the afternoon and Mrs Klimpke supports in class in the mornings.

Miss Martin Mrs Ainsworth Mrs Monk Mrs Ingham Mrs Langford Mrs Klimpke

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**Our Ambitious Curriculum at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School**

Our curriculum is a ‘knowledge-rich’ and ‘sticky’ curriculum, based on the teaching of core concepts and skills.

WHAT IS A KNOWLEDGE-RICH APPROACH?

‘The accumulated wealth of human knowledge, and what we choose to pass on to the next generation through teaching in our schools (the curriculum), must be at the heart of education’ (Amanda Spielman).

Knowledge underpins and enables the application of skills. We strive for children to learn skills alongside knowledge, ensuring that both are developed. At Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School and Little Pips Nursery we see knowledge and skills as intertwined. We believe that this is important for making the curriculum relevant and meaningful to pupils and for putting knowledge into context. We have looked at every curriculum area individually, as we recognise that each subject is unique and includes its own substantive knowledge, disciplinary knowledge and skills. We have sequenced the content of many of our subjects using ‘rolling programmes’ which ensure that whatever path a pupil takes through the school, the National Curriculum content is covered. More importantly, our curriculum is a ‘spiral curriculum’ in which key concepts are presented repeatedly throughout the curriculum, but with deepening layers of complexity.

**PROMOTING READING**

A good ability in reading is fundamental to everything that the children will learn in class during the year, and regular practice is therefore the most important aspect of homework that he or she will have. Please keep in touch with us if you are experiencing difficulties with helping your child with this vital regular activity. For our part, we will let you know if there is insufficient reading practice taking place. (Daily home reading is expected as least 4 times a week). Here are some top tips:

* All children need to read some of their book aloud to you whatever their ability
* Agree daily targets with your child. E.g. 10 pages or 20 minutes
* Discuss what your child is reading
* Read to your child regularly: this could be a book you have chosen together or could be your child’s school book.
* Record all home reading in the reading diary.

**ACCELERATED READER**

We use a reading scheme called Accelerated Reader for Key Stage 2, and for some pupils in Year 2.

As the children bring their reading books home you will notice a system of levelling books. The number on the front of the book indicates the reading level (which has been determined by the results of a reading assessment that all the children have completed). This enables us to have a much firmer understanding of the children’s progress. You will also hear about ‘quizzes’. This enables the monitoring of the children’s comprehension and whether they’ve understood their reading – not just read the words. Throughout the term, we will continue to celebrate and support the children with their reading habits and their comprehension skills.

Your child’s decimal reading level corresponds to books, which aim to challenge your child yet be decodable without your child getting frustrated or losing understanding.

Children should aim to score at least **80%** on a quiz in school to show that they have generally understood their reading text.

If your child is concerned that they are finding this tricky, they could try any of these:

* Choose a shorter book.
* Choose a book, which they prefer and find more engaging.
* Move back a level to gain more confidence.
* Ask to read more of their text with an adult, who will help them to infer the meaning of new vocabulary and show them how to summarise whilst reading.

When children have read approximately 3 books

(with a quiz of 80% or more), they will likely move up another tenth.

We hope that children will move up quickly to get to books higher

in their range, as they seek to challenge themselves and maximise

their progress.

**Homework in Year 4**

The most important homework you can do is reading, as least 4 times a week. It is vital that this aspect of the homework routine is established quickly. Please ensure a grown up has signed each home read as this is checked on a Friday. Times Tables are a crucial skill for the children as they move forward through their education. The children in Discovery should log on and play for at least 20 minutes per week; as above, this is checked on a Friday.

**PE Day: Monday and Thursday**

If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please can you provide a note/letter or phone the school office. Pupils should wear their school PE kits into school on those days. School sweatshirts/cardigans please (No sports hoodies or sports tops please). Jewellery and watches should not be worn for PE lessons. Earrings are not permitted to be worn and must be removed or covered. As the term progresses and the weather stays cooler, black/navy tracksuit bottoms can be worn for outdoor PE. Please bare this in mind, as we will be doing PE outside at least once a week, on top of the daily mile, in all weather conditions.

**Personal belongings**

Please ensure that your child’s belongings are all labelled with their name. We supply all the stationery your child needs so a pencil case is **not required**. Children should **not** bring toys and cuddly toys or other precious items to school.

**Water bottles & Snacks**

It is proven that children learn best when they are hydrated, so we encourage children to bring in a **labelled** bottle containing water for the classroom, each day. Ideally, a sturdy, sports cap re-useable bottle works best. The children are able to refill these throughout the school day. Children are encouraged to bring fruit, vegetables or a sandwich for a break time snack.

**Communication**

Please email the school Please email the school (office@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk) and your message will be forwarded to us. You can also phone the school office to ask the class teacher to call you if you prefer. We appreciate that there is a wonderful family atmosphere here, and not being able to linger for chats is hard.

We will be organising a parents’ evening over the term.