



Shincliffe CE Primary School Home / School Links – Autumn 2

During this half term the children in Year 4 will be looking at the following areas:

Curriculum Area	Content to be taught in school	Possible Activities to be completed at home
English	This term we will look at examples of newspaper reports and identify features. We will continue linking our work to Ancient Greece, understanding plot, character and settings. We will use this to understand how to use commas in lists and identify and use adverbs in sentences. Children will use their senses to describe a winter scene and understand what a Haiku poem is and compose a Haiku poem about Christmas.	Read, Read, Read! Please continue to hear your child read. It helps them develop ideas for their own writing as well as experiencing good sentence structure. As well as this, support your child, as appropriate, with their English homework.
Maths	Children will recognise odd and even numbers up to 1000 and some of their properties. They will consolidate mental addition and subtraction strategies and consider the inverse relationship between Multiplication and Division. They will calculate the area and perimeter of rectangles and compound shapes. They will use the short division method to carry out division and will understand what co-ordinates are and how to use them.	Talk to children about the different methods of calculation. Take time to practise learning their times tables as this will help with a range of areas in maths and is an important target they need to achieve by the end of year 4. As well as this, support your child, as appropriate, with their maths homework.
Science	Children will identify how sounds are made, associating them with something vibrating. They will find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it and find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.	Discuss the different sounds they can hear at home and how they are made.
Computing	Children will understand how to be responsible and respectful of their offline and online communities as a way to learn how to be good digital citizens. They will	Talk though the importance of using the Internet in a respectful way and how to be a good online citizen.

	also write algorithms, making a sprite talk. They will learn how to import pictures and text boxes into Word.	
RE	Children will understand how Jesus is depicted in religious artwork as being 'the light of the world.' They will know why Christians make Advent wreaths.	Talk to your child about Christmas time and look at examples of artwork depicting Jesus as 'the light of the world.'
History	Children will show an understanding of how people lived in Ancient Greece. They will identify the similarities and differences between our education and the education in ancient Greece. They will be able to evaluate the contributions of the ancient Greeks to life today.	Discuss with children what Greece is like now and how it differs from the past.
PE	Children will develop skills in dance where they will look at how to arrange and perform sequences in dance linked to the 'Zorba'.	The skills learnt in dance are best practised to perfect them. Give your child the opportunity to practise the skills they have been taught in school.
Music	Children will learn how to play the Ukulele and how to perform with others using the Ukulele.	Find examples of Ukulele music for the children to listen to.
Art	Children will understand how to make a press print template and how to use different materials to create a monoprint linked to Greek Art. Children will develop ways of recording their ideas and making an improvement.	Discuss with children how things are designed; designed for purpose, or to look good. What do you like or dislike, and why?
Proposed Educational Visit	Children will visit the theatre to see a pantomime.	