



Shincliffe CE Primary School Home / School Links – Summer 1

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 how to write an autobiographical story/account reflecting a particular theme. Children will also investigate the layout, presentation and features of an information text, identify the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these. We will also organise paragraphs around a theme in writing, choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition and indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns.	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 find the area and perimeter of shapes. Count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000, round any number to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. They will also estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to calculations, add and subtract numbers with up to four digits using efficient written methods. Children will also add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. Children will continue to learn times table and division facts up to the 12 times tables and square numbers up to 20.	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 understand living things and their habitats. They will consider how to protect different habitats and what they can do to improve them. Children will also look at food chains and the difference between predator and prey.	Encourage children to spot different habitats and talk about real life examples of the different aspects of science.

Computing	Children will understand how the Internet works and develop their skills in word processing and databases.	Talk though the importance of using the Internet and allow time to practise their computing skills.
RE	Children will ask and respond to questions about the Christian faith. They will learn about pilgrimages and experience what it is like to go on a pilgrimage.	Talk to your child about special journeys you make and what you do to prepare to go on them.
Geography	Children will understand what coasts are and how they are formed. They will find out about the physical features of coasts and the processes of erosion that affects them and explore the different strategies of coastal management.	Discuss with children any experiences of trips to the coast and the impact of erosion on these areas.
PE	Children will develop skills in games, with a particular focus on Basketball. They will look at how to dribble, pass and participate in a game of basketball.	The skills learnt in Basketball are best practised to perfect them. Give your child the opportunity to practise the skills they have been taught in school.
Music	Children will continue to learn how to play the glockenspiel and how to perform with others using the glockenspiel.	Find examples of music where the glockenspiel has been used for the children to listen to.
Art	Children will learn about Roman artwork. They will look at Roman mosaics and attempt to create their own examples.	Discuss with children a range of Roman Mosaics discussing if they like or dislike it, and why?
Proposed Educational Visit	Seaham coastal trip.	