



Shincliffe CE Primary School Home / School Links – Spring 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 examples of persuasive writing and identify features. Children will also write an alternative ending to a familiar story, understand what the subject of a sentence is and understand what a pronoun is and how they take the place of a noun.	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 use the symbols $>$, $<$ and $=$. They will multiply and divide an integer up to 1000 by 10 and 100, and understand the effect. They will recognise negative numbers in context, continue to use the four operations of number and learn times table and division facts up to the 12 times tables.	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 find out about the properties of the three different states of matter; solid, liquid and gas. Children will investigate the process of evaporation and condensation. They will also learn about the water cycle.	Encourage children to spot the different processes they are going to learn about.
Computing	Children will understand how to be good digital citizens and what the term 'Cyberbullying' means. They will also write algorithms, making a sprite move in a game. They will learn how to import pictures and text boxes into Photostory.	Talk though the importance of using the Internet in a respectful way and how to be a good online citizen.
RE	Children will understand who wrote the Bible and the different parts it consists of. They will look at how the	Talk to your child about favourite bible stories and if they were from the old or new Testament.

	Bible is described as the word of God and how it has inspired people through the centuries.	
Geography	Children will be able to locate different European countries on a map. They will learn about the country of Italy and how it compares and contrasts with the UK.	Discuss with children any experiences of trips to Europe and find out information about Italy.
PE	Children will develop skills in Gymnastics where they will work with a partner to create different routines.	The skills learnt in gymnastics 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 Ukulele and how to perform with others using the Ukulele.	Find examples of Ukulele music for the children to listen to.
DT	Children will understand how to a bake a healthy bread. They will carry out research into different types of breads and then design their own healthy variety.	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		