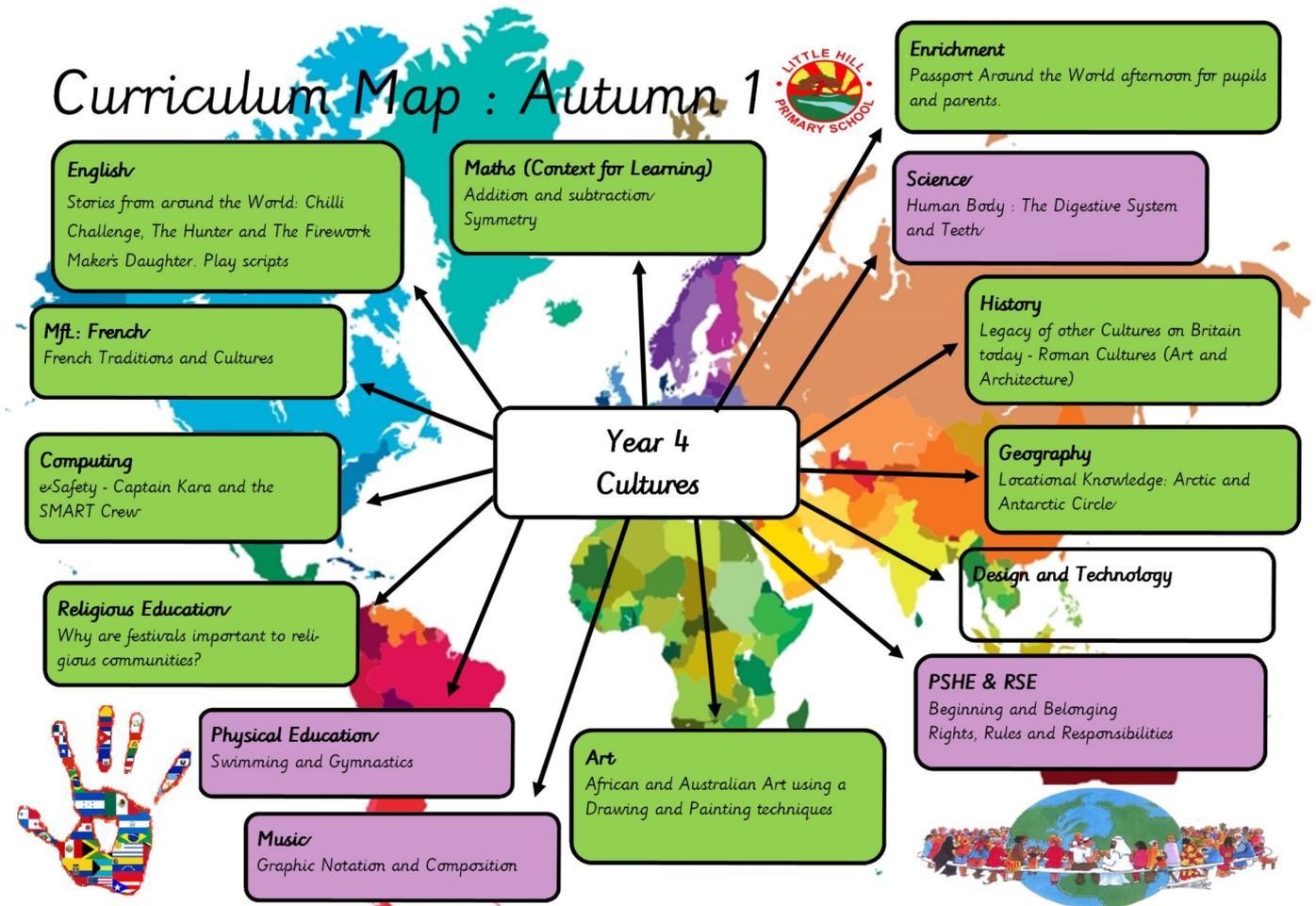


Welcome to Year 4



We hope you have had a really good summer. We are looking forward to working with you and your child over the next academic year.

This term your child will be working on the theme of 'Cultures'.



If you and your child would like to carry out any research or work around the theme, then we would love to see it. In particular, if you get chance to visit the library try to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts that feature different 'Cultures' as this will support their English work.

For our mathematics, we will be following the 'White Rose' materials and covering the following topics: Place value, addition and subtraction. If you or your child are unsure of anything over the next few weeks please do come and ask. If any child finds a concept particularly challenging then we will send support materials home for you to do together, these will come home on a lilac homework slip or via Class Dojo.

Children's homework will include 'Timetables Rock Stars', daily reading and spellings via 'Spelling Shed' They will bring home their green homework book for any work and a record of when they have read to be recorded. They can record their spellings in it too. If you would like any advice on strategies, please ask. We look forward to using Class Dojo to set homework and give feedback on the homework that has been completed by your child.



Please make sure **all** your children's jumpers and cardigans are named. These items frequently get lost and tracking them down is much easier if they are named. Please also remember to send them with a reusable water bottle and a coat everyday. If you would like your child to have a snack at break time, please send them with a piece of fruit or healthy snack to eat.

PE will be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**, so please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit (plain red or white top and black jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers) and that they do not wear earrings or any other jewellery on these days.

The children would normally go swimming on a Friday morning. **We will inform you when swimming will take place as we have had to put swimming on hold at the moment due to the COVID pandemic.**

When we recommence swimming your child will need to bring the correct kit (Swimming shorts or full bathing suit and a towel). If your child needs to wear goggles please collect a 'goggles letter' from the office and complete and return the form. Without a completed form children are not permitted to wear goggles.

As we're sure you're aware, reading is a huge priority for us at Little Hill. We see the teaching of reading as a partnership between us, you and your child and would like to introduce you to the 'Magic 20'. Reading aloud to children is incredibly important so children can be immersed in language, develop a love of books and be enthused about reading. Reading to children has so many benefits - one of which is that if they are read to for 20 minutes every day, they will hear over 1.8 million words a year! Therefore, we will pledge to read to the children for at least 10 minutes every day and we ask that you will join with us for the remaining 10 minutes a day to make that 'Magic 20'!



In addition, children will be asked to read regularly at home to themselves as this will help build stamina for reading. They should sign and date with a comment every time that they have read in their homework book. Also, it is important to keep reading to a grown up, at least three times a week; once you have please sign and date in their homework book.

Reading mileage is a great way to support your pupil to reach 'Sapphire Blue' book band by the end of Year 4.

Hearing readers is such a valuable way to support our children's learning and if you have any spare time we would really appreciate your help in the classrooms. This does not have to be on a regular basis. If you would like to help on any afternoon or at any other time please let us know. You can support in other ways like one off special days, offering a special skills or on our school trips. Please do get in touch if you are able to offer any support in this way.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Worthington and Miss Jarvis

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Year 4 : Helping Hands Volunteers Reply Slip

Child's Name _____ Class _____

(Tick as appropriate)

- I would like to be a **Reading Volunteer** in class and hear pupils read. I am available on a _____ am/pm
- I would like to be a **Read Aloud Volunteer** and read to the class on a scheduled day.
- I would be interested in being a **Special Events Volunteer** and help out on future trips and/or special events.
- I have an interesting job, skill or hobby that I may be able to share in class over the next academic year.