As part of our Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural curriculum we will continue to interweave our school motto and core values into everything we do.

Our school Motto:

Perry Hall Primary, a place to grow in confidence, creativity and ability

At Perry Hall we are...

Respectful, Caring, Determined – we never give up, Enthusiastic, Independent and Motivated.

Helping Your Child At Home

- Now children are in Year 4, they are well on the way to becoming independent readers. At school they will be allowed to choose their own home school reading book that we will encourage the children to read 2 or 3 times each week to increase fluency and understanding.
- Please continue to read with your child 2-3 times a week. Reading should be fun so encourage your child to find types of books that they enjoy.
- Spelling patterns will be practiced in school. Key words will be sent home on a Friday, along with an investigation task, which you can work on with your child ready for a test on the following Friday.
- Please practice times tables and other mental maths challenges with your child on a weekly basis.
- When completing any maths tasks with your child, please follow our school's calculation policy. A copy of this can be found on the school website, otherwise ask a member of staff.

Dates to Remember

Friday 27th April—Silly Sock Day Thursday 3rd May—Local Elections (school closed except to Year 6 pupils) Monday 7th May—May bank holiday Thursday 24th May—PTA Sponsored Bounce KS2 Monday 28th May—Monday 4th June—Half Term Monday 4th June—INSET day Wednesday 6th June—Year 4 visit to Enginuity Saturday 7th July—PTA Summer Fayre Thursday 19th July—Last day of school, break up for Summer



English

This term we will be reading a fantasy story; we will be getting familiar with the classic novel, 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. Whilst reading this book, we will be writing in a range of genres whilst continuing to work on our Year 4 SPaG targets to ensure these skills are evident in our writing. Non-fiction work will include research on our topics using the internet and a range of information books to inform our writing.

We will continue with weekly spelling tasks in addition to handwriting practice in order to develop a cursive (joined up) style.



Mathematics

The main topics we will cover this term include:-

- Area and perimeter
- Using written methods to record, support and explain multiplication and division of two digit and three digit numbers
- Using decimal notation for tenths and hundredths
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Fractions of amounts

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Don't Forget

Homework is handed out every Thursday and needs to be returned to school by the following Tuesday.

Spellings will also be handed out on a Friday and will be tested on the following Friday.

Please continue to help your child complete their homework and learn their spellings – thank you for your continued support.

Curriculum News

Our topic for the Summer term is '*Journeys to Distant Lands'*, this will include:

Geography

In Geography children will be looking at Distant Lands and exploring Madagascar, looking at the human and physical features.

History

This topic has a History and English focus and will involve learning about Ancient Egypt and gaining an understanding of the difference between ancient and modern Egypt. We will also be looking at the weather and the role that each season plays in the production and harvest of food in Egypt as well as developing our understanding of the effect the actions of the River Nile has on Egypt.

Science

In Science this term we will firstly be looking at 'States of Matter'. We will be comparing and grouping materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases and observing that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. In Summer 2 we will move on to looking at 'Living Things and their Habitats'. In this topic we will be looking at animals and their habitats both locally as well as further a field. We will be classifying animals using keys and also identifying what impact humans have on animal habitats.

PE

In Year 4 we will be completing programmes in Athletics and Striking and Fielding games. The athletics will focus on developing track and field skills and assessing performances. We will explore a variety of striking and fielding games, transferring skills between 'Kwik Cricket', 'Rounders' and 'Kickball'.

French

The children will be continuing to learn French, the focus this year will be on transport, building and special places.

PSHE

During the Summer term, our focus will be 'Decisions' and then 'Handling conflict'. Creative $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Arts}}$

As part of our design and technology project we will be designing and creating our own dream catchers. Music lessons, with our music teacher Mr. Womble, will focus on playing the ukulele.

Computing: In Year 4 we will be working with digital animation and digital

