

## Reading Year 4

- apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and understand the meaning of new words they meet
- read a range of fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction texts
- re-tell stories orally
- perform poems and play scripts, showing understanding through intonation and action
- infer characters' feelings through their actions, justifying their inference with evidence
- identify main ideas drawn and summarise these

Children should be allowed to choose a book at school to take home with them to read. You will be given a reading record book to write your comments in when you read with them. Children will be reading with their teacher in groups once a week (known as guided reading).

### Try this at home:

- Bedtime stories are still important – choose something which may be a little tricky for your child to read themselves
- Take an interest in what your child reads and encourage them to explain why they like a certain book or author
- If you have a reluctant reader, try something which is funny, such as a comic or joke book
- Be a role model – let them see you reading!

## Writing Year 4

- understand how to spell words with a variety of prefixes and suffixes
- use the possessive apostrophe in words with regular plurals
- use a wider range of conjunctions (when, before, after, while, so, because)
- start using inverted commas to punctuate speech
- use fronted adverbials with commas (for example: *Cautiously, she opened the door...*)
- become more confident in joining their handwriting, increasing its legibility and quality
- create settings, characters and plot in narratives using a range of descriptive language
- use paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme
- assess and improve their writing

### Try this at home:

- When you are away, encourage your child to send postcards to their friends, or help them find a penpal
- Suggest your child keeps a diary, writing a little every day, or tries another fun writing activity
- If your child loves writing stories, look out for competitions for young writers.

## **Maths Year 4**

### **Number and place value**

- Counting in steps of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000
- Recognising place value of each digit in a four-digit number
- Counting backwards through zero to include negative numbers
- Rounding any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000

### **Calculating**

- Adding and subtracting with numbers up to four digits using column addition and subtraction
- Knowing multiplication facts for all times tables up to 12 x 12
- Multiplying three-digit numbers by one-digit numbers

### **Fractions and decimals**

- Finding fractions of quantities (for example:  $\frac{2}{6}$  of 48)
- Understanding equivalence between fractions and decimals
- Dividing one-digit and two-digit numbers by 10 and 100
- Rounding decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number

### **Measuring**

- Converting between units of measurement
- Working out the perimeter and area of shapes
- Calculating with amounts of money
- Telling and writing the time using the 12-hour and 24-hour clock

- Solving problems involving converting between units of time

### **Geometry**

- Classifying different types of triangles and quadrilaterals
- Recognising acute and obtuse angles
- Identifying lines of symmetry in 2D shapes
- Plotting coordinates in the first quadrant
- Translating shapes up/down and left/right

### **Statistics**

- Interpreting and presenting data in bar charts and line graphs
- Solving comparison, sum and difference problems using information presented in bar charts, pictograms and tables

### **Try this at home**

- Keep on with the times tables – automatic recall really does help at school and with homework. Practise in the car or on the way to school, set your child a challenge, play times tables games and, if necessary, offer a small reward as motivation
- If your child has weekly pocket money, encourage them to save and work out how much they will have after two, three or four weeks
- Go on a walk and give your child a compass so they can keep track of your direction
- Telling the time and timing things regularly.

