



## Y4 Term 1 Curriculum 2023

Dear Y4 Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new year group and a new school year. Ocklynge Junior School has a new curriculum. Our learning is now based all around 'Big' questions, children researching and having hands on experiences. Below is an outline of the questions that your child will be learning to answer over the next few weeks. We hope that this gives you information on what's happening in school but also allow you to support, research and enhance understanding at home.

As readers, all Y4 children will be reading from 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown. As writers we will learn how to write to entertain others under the theme of 'calm to chaos!' We will write and discuss balanced arguments and write as if we were robots. Feel free to read 'The Wild Robot' at home with your child.

In maths lessons we follow a mastery approach. This means that we immerse and broaden a child's mathematical understanding before moving on. Our main study will be with place value up to 4 digits and multiplication facts.

As scientists we will be answering '**Does my environment change?**' (How trees and the outdoors change over the year) and '**Can living things be classified?**' (Fish, amphibians, mammals, reptiles and birds) We will learn to name specific changes in the seasons and why before identifying the features of vertebrates, invertebrates and what makes mammals unique.

We are learning to be geographers. Our Big question for Term 1 is '**Why isn't the weather the same everywhere in the world?**' We will explore how weather and climate are different and compare the UK climate to a different European climate. We will explore different landscapes and economies in both hot and cold lands before finding out why weather is different in different places on Earth.

In RE we ask, '**What do Hindus believe God is like?**' and will explore what Hindus believe and how they want to live. In PSHE we are asking '**What is my place in the world?**' later learning about democracy and how our actions affect others. As artists, we are asking '**What is a caricature?**' and we will be finding out about and examining the artwork of Claude Monet as a caricature artist. Finally in computing we will be asking '**What is a network?**' as we explore how computers are connected to each other and communicate how this can be beneficial.

We hope this information gives you a good picture of what your child will be learning at school and very much look forward to sharing the results of learning with you during our open event in the last week of this half term.