

**What we are  
learning about this term.**

# **Year 4**

## **Summer 2017**



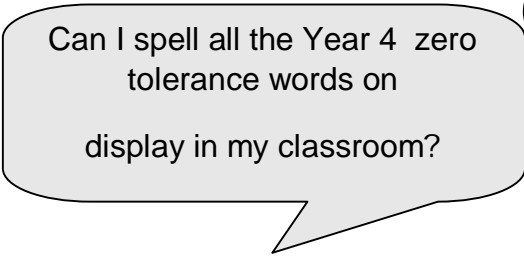
# Literacy

## **During this term in Literacy, we will be:**

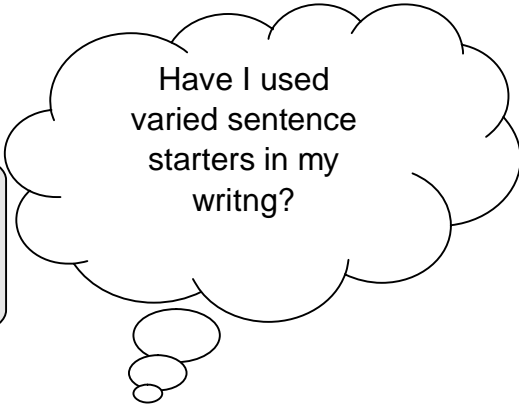
- Reading Street Child by Berlie Doherty and Charlie and the Chocolate factory by Roald Dahl
- Writing character descriptions using evidence deduced from the text;
- Learning to recognise the stages in a story and the way that events are linked, identify powerful verbs in a text and talking about their function;
- Planning a balanced argument using persuasive language and considering both sides of the argument;
- Using connectives to show changes in time or place and the sequence of events;
- Using compound and complex sentences;
- Using strategies to build suspense in writing;
- Writing diary entries, letters, balanced arguments, stories and reports .

**Children will be continuing to achieve their Pen Licences if their handwriting is *always* neat and joined.**

**Please continue to help your child with their reading each week.**



Can I spell all the Year 4 zero tolerance words on display in my classroom?



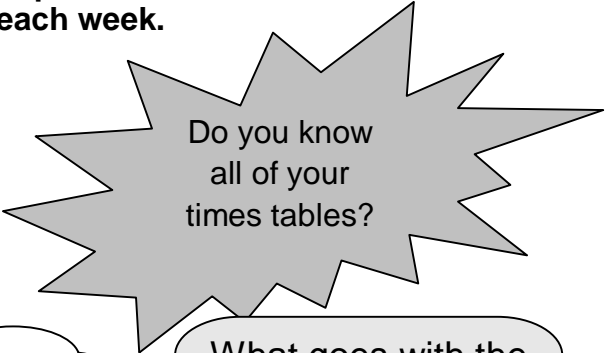
Have I used varied sentence starters in my writing?

# Mathematics

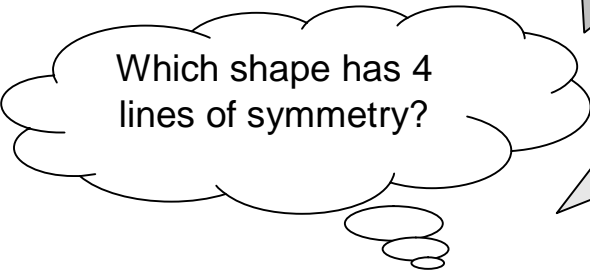
**During this term in Maths, children will be increasing their understanding of:**

- Place value including decimals;
- Reading, writing and ordering numbers to 99,999;
- Multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100 including decimals;
- Multiplication facts for all times tables;
- Simple, mixed and equivalent fractions;
- Doubling and halving numbers to 100 or more;
- Adding and subtracting using a variety of strategies;
- Division using an increasing number of strategies;
- Using a range of mental strategies to quickly answer calculations.
- Units of measurements
- Solving word problems in order to apply all our mathematical knowledge to real life.

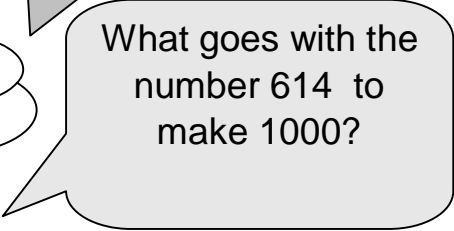
**Please continue to help your child  
with their number bonds  
and multiplication tables  
each week.**



Do you know  
all of your  
times tables?



Which shape has 4  
lines of symmetry?



What goes with the  
number 614 to  
make 1000?

## Science

**In Science this term we will be learning about:**

### **Electricity**

- We will be exploring circuits.
- We will be identifying some common conductors and insulators.
- Set up simple practical enquiries
- Make systematic observations
- Record findings using simple scientific language and labelled diagrams
- Use results to draw simple conclusions

## Topic

**In foundation subjects this term, we will be learning about:**

### **Chocolate**

- In DT we'll be learning about what is important for a design in order to sell a product well. We'll also be designing our own chocolate wrapper and looking at Aztec art styles.
- In Geography, we'll be learning about where cacao trees are found, the climate and other factors affecting the growth of cacao trees and other crops.
- In History, we'll be learning about the importance of cacao beans for trade, who took the first chocolate to Europe and people's food fears.
- In ICT, we'll be learning about using the internet to find out more about chocolate and searching and creating databases.
- In Technology, we'll be learning about designing and making our own chocolate bars.

### **Ancient Egypt**

- In History, we'll be learning about people from the past and how they lived their daily lives.
- In Geography, we'll be learning about the importance of physical features like rivers to lives of humans.
- In Art, we'll be learning about hieroglyphs and creating our own posters
- In Technology, we'll be designing and making our own pyramids.

**Our maths *together* session is every Wednesday afternoon.**