



The Heights Primary School

Year 4 Parent Planner: Autumn 1 Week 4

Dear Parents/Carers

This week our themes are:

Living Things and their Habitats and Maps

English	The children will be exploring different types of persuasive writing and investigating the strategies used to persuade. They will be creating a persuasive advert for Longridge and they will also be writing a letter to persuade loggers against deforestation.
Maths	The children will continue to revise and consolidate their knowledge of place value. They will solve problems using their knowledge of place value and number bonds. They will begin to explore decimal numbers making links to money to gain a greater understanding of the value of tenths and hundredths.
Topic	Last week we did an invertebrate hunt and were amazed by how many different species we found on our school site. We even found some snails eggs! We will begin to design our own classification keys for Living Things. Following on from our orienteering activity at Longridge we will be looking at the Longridge map and using directional vocabulary to describe where things are. We will then look at the physical features of Guatemala using a map.

Our spellings have been going really well, thank you for helping the children to revise their spellings at home and bring their books in every day.

We are still in the process of establishing a good routine for our Cracking Times Tables. We will test the children on their tables on a Friday and will aim to have the books marked and sent home again on Friday. However, there may be occasions when our resources do not allow us to turn the books around that quickly, please bear with us. We have talked about it in class and have decided that the children should not be writing on the test sheet at home. As with spellings the children may revise their tables in whichever way is best for them and can use the pages in their times tables books if they want to but may prefer to use separate sheets of paper or websites. Please see information in the front of the times tables books.

Our Key Stage Two welcome meeting is on Thursday 5th October at 7:30.

We had an amazing time at Longridge and had some very tired children (and teachers) last Friday. I hope they are all fully recovered and have many happy memories of their first residential.

Best wishes,
Mrs Thomas