

Class 4 Curriculum—Spring 2023

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I hope that you find the following information useful in supporting your child in his or her work at school and at home. With this information to hand you will be able to talk to your child more about what they are doing at school and ask them questions about the specific topics. This information includes the main themes, ideas and topics which the children will experience. Planning is based on the requirements of the National Curriculum, the local agreed syllabus for Religious Education and specific non-statutory guidance.

Colours of the World and Marvellous Mayans

Literacy

This term, following 'The Write Stuff' approach, we are starting our Literacy topic focusing on narrative writing. This will be based on 'The Snowman' and 'The Arrival'. After that, we will be looking at the poem 'The Highway Man'. We will look closely at the poem and learn all the techniques for writing great poetry before having a go at writing a narrative poem independently.

Linked to our topic of the Mayans, we will be writing instructions how to make chocolate and linked to the Science topic of light, we will be writing a non-chronological report.

In Book Talk, we will be reading 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' and then 'Kensuke's Kingdom' looking closely at how the author uses fantastic description and different techniques to really engage the reader.

Maths

Over the Spring term, we will be following the White Rose Maths scheme. Year 6 will focus on ratio, fractions, decimals, percentages, algebra, area, perimeter and volume and statistics. Year 5 will focus on developing further their understanding of multiplication and division and then move onto fractions, decimals and percentages, then perimeter and area and finally statistics. Both year groups will practise skills related to each topic and then apply their knowledge to reasoning and problem based questions. Every Friday, both year groups will develop their mental arithmetic techniques too. Any help at home practising all of the times tables up to 12 x 12 would be an enormous help.

Science

This term, in Science, we will be learning about Light. The children will learn that light travels in straight lines; how shadows are formed; about white light and the spectrum; refraction and reflection. They will also learn about the eye. The children will be carrying out a variety of investigations about light, ensuring that they carry out a fair test and are able to write a conclusion.

Computing

Children in class 4 will develop their programming skills this term. They will use selections and procedures in programs, create programs including repeat commands, create simple variables and understand their role in a program and use logical reasoning to detect and correct errors in algorithms.

Religious Education

In R.E, will be looking at Faith in Action. The children will consider the key question: What inspires people to follow a faith and what is the cost? They will look at the way commitments affect and shape lives, guiding the activities of both groups and like-minded individuals.

MFL—French

The children will learn places found in a town and how to give directions to get to them. They will also consolidate numbers to 100. The children will develop their conversational skills through role play and then move onto written instructions.

History

In History we are learning about the Mayans. The children will gain an understanding of the Mayan civilisation. They will look at artefacts and inventions from the time and find out how they affect our lives today. They will learn about the Mayan Creation story; Mayan food; the beliefs of the Mayans and why the Gods were important to them; everyday life; the Mayan's great achievements; important places and buildings and why the Mayan civilisation declined. The children will have the chance to cook, produce dramas, create art work and play Mayan games too.

Geography

Linked to the Mayan topic, the children will describe the key environmental regions of Central America/Mexico. Compare and contrast the similarities and differences between UK, Central America and a region of Europe.

Art

This term is all about printing. The children will create printing blocks by simplifying an initial design. They will learn the technique of Lino printing with at least 3 colours or patterns. They will then use these skills to make a lino printed creation.

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This term the children will be developing their cooking skills. They will plan and make a menu for a Mayan carnival. The children will learn to combine a range of ingredients by beating, rubbing in etc. They will prepare and cook a range of savoury dishes.

Music

This term the children will be developing their music skills using Charanga with a focus on 'A New Carol' and 'You've got a friend.'

Physical Education

In P.E, the children will develop their fitness skills with Fiona . They will also develop a Mayan dance.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education

This term the focus will be on coping.

Homework

On Thursday, the children will receive either maths homework to complete. This should be returned by the following Tuesday. In addition to this, children should try and read at least three times a week. This doesn't have to be just their reading book, it could be a newspaper, magazine, a website, recipes etc. Reading a range of genre really benefits the children when we visit different text types at school. Last year the quality of the reading records handed in was excellent. There were great comments written by the children, showing their understanding of the text, with a signature from a parent/Carer. Finally, any opportunity to practise times tables would be great as they help enormously with all areas of maths.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

This term, we also have a final year student teacher in class 4 called Mr Tucker.

Mrs Kemp

