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What we have been up to:

In Year 4 we have had a busy half term. Author Mini Grey visited us and gave us a fantastic, inspirational insight into her work.

We also took part in a brilliant Viking creative workshop which was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children.



English

In English this half term, we will be focusing on the book 'The Explorer' and using the text to inspire ideas and write a variety of different text types such as setting descriptions and advertisements. Our English text links closely to our Geography unit of Rainforests.

How can I help at home?

Encourage children to verbally describe different surroundings in the real world.

Maths

In Maths, pupils will be continuing exploring Decimals. We will be working with tenths, hundredths, dividing 1 – 2 digit numbers by 100, partitioning, rounding to the nearest whole number and halves and quarters as decimals. Pupils will use this knowledge to learn about Money.

How can I help at home?

- Revise Year 4's Maths units from Spring 2 using these workbooks: [Fractions](#) and [Decimals](#).
- Download the '1 Minute Maths' App from White Rose or use this [web link](#) with the code hot-mel-kid for your child to revise Fractions and Decimals.
- Give your child coins of low amounts to purchase items from the shops or practice these scenarios at home.

Science

This half term we will be continuing with our 'Living Things and their Habitats' unit. During this unit we will be looking at different habitats. We will then begin to explore the impact of human activities on different habitats. We will also be researching different celebrities who works with animals and their environments.



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We will be looking at Relationships this half term in our Personal Development lessons. We will learn to recognise situations which can cause jealousy, identifying someone we love and why they are special to us, recognise how friendships change, how we can make new friends and how to manage when we fall out with friends. We will also look at showing love and appreciation to the people and animals who are special to us.

Geography

Our next Geography unit is Rainforests, during this unit we will be able to define what a rainforest is and locate where they are found using geographical language. We will then begin to look at the different layers of a rainforest and the different species that could live there and how they may have adapted to their environment.

Computing

This half term, the children will be moving on to looking at the information technology strand of Computing. In this they will be starting the unit by looking at data handling using google sheets before moving on to look at graphic design where they will be using a range of different software.

Art

In our next unit, we will be focusing on nature to inspire our art work. In this unit, we will be creating a mood board, creating designs created by the rainforest and

Performing Arts

Year 4 will be on a new Performing Arts rotation this half term. Leopards class will have Mr Serino and will be developing their recorder skills to incorporate improvisation. Tigers will have Music with Miss Green and will be developing their singing skills, learning different voice types and critically listen to music. Lions will switch to dance with Mr Skeel. In dance they will be learning how to replicate taught dance movement through a variety of different music, in addition to creating dance themselves through a range of techniques..

French

Pupils will learn about family members. They will be able to say how many brothers and sisters they have and how to describe people's appearance.

RE

We will be learning about the way that life is a journey, sacred places, and the milestones that are considered important if you are Christian, Jewish or Hindu. We will also be discussing non-religious celebrations and comparing them with religious celebrations.

PE

In PE, pupils will take part in a range of fitness challenges testing and record their scores. They will learn about different components of fitness; speed, stamina, strength, coordination, balance and agility.

Reminders / Key Dates:

Training day

17 April

Y4 Caythorpe

26-28 April

May Bank Holiday

1 May

Coronation Bank Holiday

8 May

Class photos

9 May

Half term

29 May - 2 June