



Monkton Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter for Class 4

Term 1 - Maafa

In God's eyes, Everyone is special.

English

This term we start an exciting new topic in Class 4 - Maafa. As we explore the impact of the African slave trade in the past and present, we will use our learning to inspire our writing, with news reports looking at major historical events, persuasive letters on the theme of the abolition of slavery and non-chronological reports exploring the Windrush scandal.

In our reading, we will be exploring the text *Freedom (1783)* by Catherine Johnson. We will be developing our retrieval and vocabulary skills and will also look at identifying different text types.

Science

The Circulatory System

- How does blood flow?
- What can your heart rate tell you?
- What's in blood?

Investigating these questions will help us to explore the importance of healthy life style choices.

Maths

Within our mathematics this term we will look at Place Value - using and comparing numbers up to 1 million and Roman Numerals, Addition and Subtraction - mental and formal written methods, and Multiplication and Division - identification of multiples and factors.

General

Welcome to Class 4. We are very excited to start this new year with you. Our topic - Maafa - will give us many opportunities to explore challenging concepts, and will hopefully inspire us to look at our place in our community with a fresh perspective.

RE

Creation or Science - conflicting or complementary?

This challenging topic allows us to explore the many ideas and theories (both religious and scientific) that surround the creation of our world. I am looking forward to some heated debates as we delve into this big question.

ICT

Communication and collaboration - how is data transferred over the internet and how can we communicate responsibly?

PE

Football - applying tactics to defending and attacking situations.
OAA - Using skills to solve problems.

Foundation subjects

History- Maafa - exploration of the African slave trade

Geography- Our Changing World - lines of latitude and longitude

Art- Tints, Tones and Shades - learning about landscape painters

Design Technology- Food for Life - Comparing and contrasting processed and whole foods

French - Bon appétite, bonne santé (Healthy eating)

Music - Razzamajazz - Recorder (first notes and introduction to notation)

PSHE- Get Heart Smart - making good decisions

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
Circulatory	transatlantic	million	parenthesis
Nutrients	colonisation	place holder	clause
Blood vessels	abolition	partition	synonym
Oxygen	multiculturalism	round to	context

Websites

Atomlearning.com – Homework will be set each week on Atom Learning, please ensure you keep up to date

https://kids.kiddle.co/Atlantic_slave_trade

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxnb/articles/zsgk4xs>

Special days/ Come join us

Class 4 Trip to Turner Contemporary - Date TBA

Road Dahl Day - 13th September

Fire Safety Talks - 26th September

Space Day - 4th October

Black History Week - 17th October

Team Theme After School Club - Wednesdays and Thursdays

Class 4 PE - Thursdays (Please ensure full kit is in school)