

Year Four Curriculum Newsletter—Summer 2023

Welcome back!

The children had a very busy Spring term and are trying very hard with their work already this term. This newsletter details the work we will cover across the whole of this term and some details about arrangements for specific activities. If you need to speak to me at all, please contact the school office or through MyEd and I will get back to you.

Best wishes, Mr M. Darling

Maths

Our Maths work this term will begin with more work on decimals and then move on to money and money problems. We will cover time and measurement problems before moving on to Geometry looking at properties of shape and position and direction. Please keep up the regular practise of times tables - we have our Y4 Multiplication Tables Check in June—and try to find opportunities for telling the time using both digital clocks and ones with hands. Looking at timetables is also very useful so planning journeys on the bus can be a useful activity to do together.

English

We will begin the term's work by looking at Stories from other Cultures before moving on to Letters and persuasive texts. In the second half of term we will move on to information texts before moving back to some more work on poetry. We will continue to work on Grammar and Spelling rules throughout the term.

We are continuing to develop our handwriting and to encourage neat, correctly joined writing in all their work; this is coming on really well so do keep praising their efforts when they write at home.

It is still really important to keep reading at least three times a week, but it is a good idea to get used to reading for a short while every evening. This does not have to be their school book, do look at the personal choice book too!

Religious Education

We begin the term by looking at New Life after Christ's resurrection, before we look at forgiveness in Building Bridges and the life of God's People, looking at the lives of the saints. We will keep you informed about Mass times and Candle times as you are very welcome to join us for these.





Geography

Our Geography unit this term is all about Rivers, the water cycle and how rivers affect people's use of land and their impact on the river environment.



Computing

We will look at how different items of computer hardware work and will look at how to use the computers effectively to conduct research. We will also be using the computers regularly for Times Table practise—please keep using the timestables.co.uk website to practise the Y4 tables test!



RSHE

We will be studying a unit on living in the wider world through the TenTen programme. This looks at the place of the church in society and how we share love with others through our actions. You may want to discuss how we show kindness to others with your child and reinforce positive behaviour with praise at home.



History.

Our history unit is around Ancient Greece and its influence on civilisation in Europe. We will look at aspects of life in Ancient Greece and their beliefs and society. There are lots of resources online about Greek Myths which you and your child might like to look at together.



PE

PE will still be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons Your child should attend school in their PE kit on these days.

Our next set of swimming sessions starts on May 2nd for two weeks.

we will be focussing on Athletics and summer games including Cricket and Rounders this term.

PE kit is still available cheaply from Lollipops—see the details online.

Links you might like!

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Greece.html>

<https://www.internetgeography.net/the-river-tees-case-study-landforms-of-erosion-and-deposition/>



Art

Our art work this term will look at rivers and the influence of water in art. There are many paintings that take water as a theme and you might like to look around the area to see where artworks can be found that reflect our area.



Music

*Blackbird singing
in the dead of night
take these broken wings
and learn to fly*

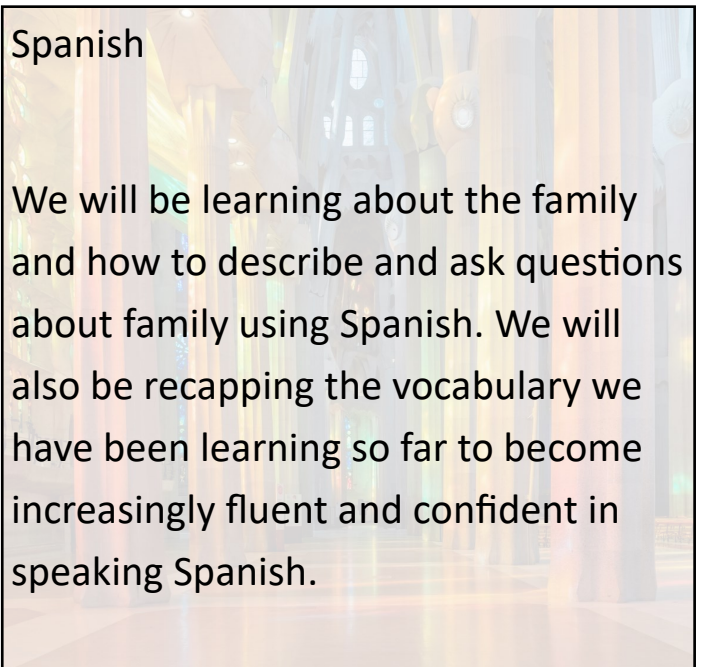
We will look at how songs are created and will learn further control over our vocal range and singing techniques.

We will also look at how different musical compositions are created including looking at how to create our own songs and rhythms.



Science

Our Science work this term will look at Living Things and their Habitats. We will look at how animals are classified according to their attributes and how animals adapt to living in different places. This is a great opportunity to have a look in the garden or at the park for the different creatures that live in these places.



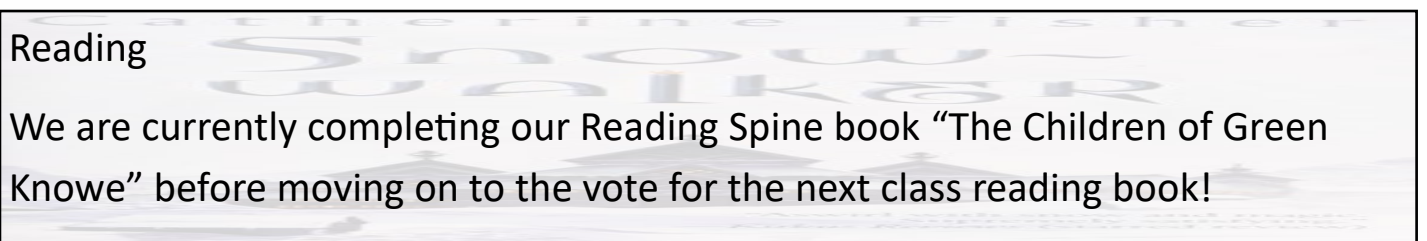
Spanish

We will be learning about the family and how to describe and ask questions about family using Spanish. We will also be recapping the vocabulary we have been learning so far to become increasingly fluent and confident in speaking Spanish.



DT

We will be studying Resistant materials in DT this term—this will involve learning about building structures and the safe use of tools and techniques to cut, shape and join materials together to make solid constructions. If you are doing any work at home this is a good way to introduce your child to the practical uses of the techniques that we are learning at school.



Reading

We are currently completing our Reading Spine book “The Children of Green Knowe” before moving on to the vote for the next class reading book!