



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2023: Miss Cooper



Dear parents,

I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year. Our topic this half term will be 'How beautiful is food?'



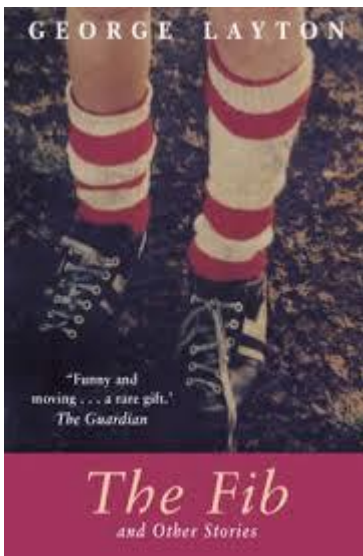
Religious Education – Come and See:

Please see the separate newsletter, which is also available on the school website, to see which topics we will be covering this term.

PSHE:

Our learning will focus on the question 'How can we manage our feelings?'

English:



Stories with issues and Dilemmas

After reading *The Balaclava Story*, the children will write their own story where the main character will face a dilemma.

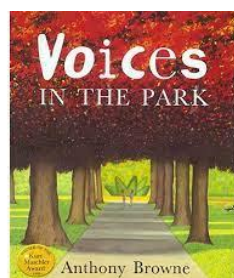
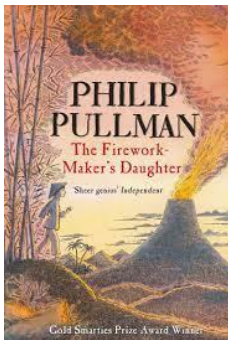
Persuasion

We will start this topic by identifying the features of persuasive TV adverts and persuasive writing. After exploring the techniques and language, the children will design their own gadget to persuade their classmates to buy.

Poetry

Poems based on the theme of animals and nature. After reading a range of poems, the children will write their own black out poems and perform these.

Class novels this half term:



Ongoing English:

Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation will be taught within the English lessons. Guided reading, spellings and handwriting will also continue.

Mathematics:

This half term our key learning will focus on the following:

Multiplication & division

Factor pairs

Efficient multiplication

Written methods

Multiply 2-digits by 1-digit

Multiply 3-digits by 1-digit

Divide 2-digits by 1-digit

Divide 3-digits by 1-digit

Measurement (area)

What is area?

Counting squares

Making shapes

Comparing area

Fractions

Unit and non-unit fractions

What is a fraction?

Equivalent fractions

Fractions greater than 1

Science – Teeth and Digestion:

During this topic, the children will:

- Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.
- Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.
- Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.
- Describe how teeth and gums have to be cared for in order to keep them healthy.

Computing – Spreadsheets:

During this topic, the children will:

- Use number formatting tools on Purple Mash
- Add a formula to a cell to automatically make a calculation
- Use a series of data in a spreadsheet to create a line graph



Art:

The children will be exploring a range of still-life artists. After making observational studies in their sketch books, they will be exploring how to mould and join pieces of clay to make fruit.

Music – Mamma Mia:

During this unit, the children will listen to and appraise Mamma Mia and other Abba songs. They will build upon their knowledge and understanding of music through warm-up games, learning to sing the song and playing instruments.

PE:

PE will be taught by Chorley School Sport Partnership on a Tuesday afternoon. Please could you make sure your child arrives at school on Tuesdays wearing their PE kit.

French:

Year 4 will have French lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. They will be developing a basic vocabulary and confidence in speaking French through songs, games and varied speaking activities.



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Cooper, Mrs Root and Mrs Kay

With Christ, we live, we love, we learn, we grow