



Year 4 Curriculum Letter



Summer term 1 2021

Below is an outline of some of the exciting things your children will be learning this half term.

English

This half term in English we will be looking at a novel with a theme. The book we will study is called 'The Mouse hole Cat' which is a traditional tale set in the south of England. The main focus of this unit is to improve the children's descriptive writing so that they are using different taught skills to make their writing more interesting for other's to read. We will look at creating effective noun phrases, fronted adverbials, use of similes and metaphors and using commas for a desired outcome. Alongside these outcomes, we will be looking at sentence structure in order to improve the flow of our writing. Following on from this we will create non-fiction leaflets based on the real place of 'Mouse hole'



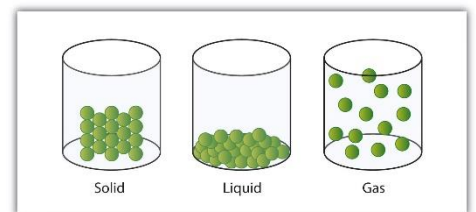
Maths

In Maths we are revisiting fractions. The children will look at improper and mixed number fractions and how to convert between the two. They will be taught how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. We will then move onto shape starting with drawing shapes on a grid and translating. The children will look at properties of the different shapes including angles, they will then progress to lines of symmetry and reflection.

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Science

In Science this half term we will be looking at the topic of 'States of Matter'. This means that the children will study solids, liquids and gases. They will begin by acting out the structures of the particles to gain understanding of how they are formed. Following this they will complete observations and investigations to see how these particles can move from one state to another and back again. This topic will be taught by Miss Young this half term.



Geography



In Geography we will be looking at Rivers. The children will use maps and 4 figure grid references to locate rivers on OS maps and look at the water cycle. Next they will look at how a river is formed and be taught the geographical vocabulary associated with it as well as looking at how it affects the landscape around. We will then move onto looking at a specific River – The Nile.

History

In History we are looking at The Ancient Egyptians. The children will start by looking at Ancient Civilisations and how they have influenced what we have today. They will then move onto looking specifically at the Ancient Egyptians. The children will locate Egypt on a world map and then locate rivers and major cities within Egypt. Next we will look at how the Ancient Egyptians used the Nile and how important it was to them. Finally, the children will look at how Ancient Egypt was ruled.



"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."

RE

In RE this half term, the unit is called 'Are all churches the same?' We will begin by looking at different places of worship around the world and how they have similarities and differences. Following on from this we will solely begin to look at churches. We will look at how it is not the building that is important but the faith and that all churches will have certain components in them that have a symbolic meaning. We will visit a church to look at these aspects and how they fit into the Christian faith. Next half term we will study a variety of other religious places to compare.



PE



**COMMANDO
JOE'S**

In Y4 we will be having sessions with Commando Joe on a Friday. These sessions are aimed at building children's resilience as well teaching them new skills such as team work, thinking outside the box, confidence, being a good sports person and listening skills. In our other PE session, we will be focusing on Games skills through tennis. The children will be taught to use skills with increasing co-ordination, control and fluency. They will be encouraged to make up their own games using the skills they have learnt and be reflective about their performance.

Computing

In Computing this half term, we will be looking at a program called 'Logo'. Logo enables us to type in instructions in order to move a turtle around the screen. We will learn the language of logo to move the turtle in different directions and to face different angles too. By the end of the unit we will be able to draw different shapes and patterns by making our own set of effective instructions.

PSHE

In our growth mindset lessons the children will be looking at how words and phrases that we use can affect our ability to learn and to identify the characteristics of an effective learner. The children will then move onto looking at Keeping Safe in the context of medicines and the choices people can make.



Music

This half term we will be looking at a new type of music based on the 'Beatles'. We will be singing their songs and getting to grips with their style. We will also involve instruments in our learning in order to make our end performance tuneful.

THE BEATLES