



Year 4 Curriculum Letter



Summer term 1 2021/22

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

English

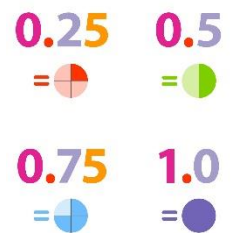
This half term in English we will be looking at a novel with a theme. The book we will study is called 'The Mousehole Cat' which is a traditional tale set in the south of England. The main focus of this unit is to improve the children's descriptive writing so that they are using different taught skills to make their writing more interesting for others 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 'Mousehole'.



Maths

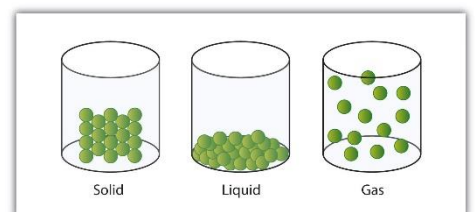
This half term in maths we will be studying the following areas:

- Recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths.
- Recognise and write decimal equivalents to $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$.
- Solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places.
- Recognise that hundredths arise when dividing an object by one hundred and dividing tenths by ten.
- Write amounts of money using decimal notation.
- Recognise that one hundred 1p coins equal £1 and that each coin is $\frac{1}{100}$ of £1.



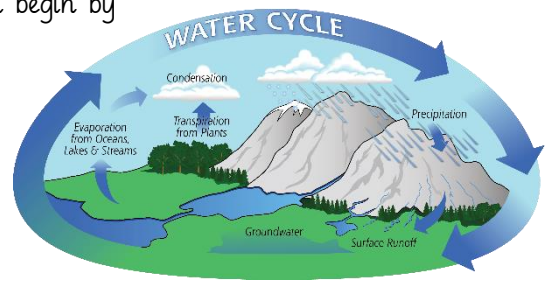
Science

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 this half term we will be studying 'Rivers'. We will begin by finding rivers in our local area using OS maps. Following this, we will look at how rivers are formed and learn a lot of new terminology linked with rivers. By the end of our topic, the children will be familiar with the water cycle and what the different stages are. They will be able to explain the process clearly using key diagrams.



Our wonderful history topic this term will be the 'Egyptians'. It is always a very interesting topic with lots of variety. We will begin by studying what an ancient civilization is and plotting them on a historical timeline. The children will understand AD and BC when doing so. We will then move on to looking at uses of the river, inventions, culture and pharaohs. The children will create fact sheets linked to these areas.



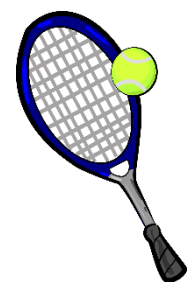
RE

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.



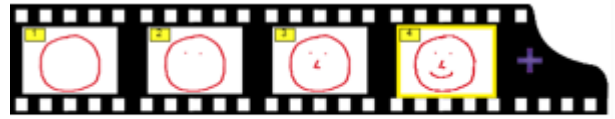
PE

In PE, we will be learning to play some team games this half term. On Wednesdays we will be learning tennis skills and then how a game is played. We will start by controlling the ball and hitting between partners before looking at the rules. On Fridays, we will be learning netball skills. We will start with passing and moving. Then, we will learn the footwork rule and the different positions on the court and what their jobs are. Finally, we will play some mini games in these positions.



Computing

In computing this half term, we will be looking at a program called '2animate'. They children will begin by understanding the idea of flip book animation and how things must be moved ever so slightly to create moving animations. They will then learn how to do this on the computer, beginning with smiley faces and building up to a dancing stick man. They will learn key terms such as 'onion peel', 'copy', 'pause' and 'timings'.



PSHE

Our main focus this half term has been the programme called 'Kidsafe'. It is 5 sessions teaching the children how to keep themselves safe. The sessions will be linked to bullying, sad feelings, suitable viewing of games/online safety and keeping our bodies private. Ask your children about what they have learnt as they are very knowledgeable about it!



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.

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