

January 2022

Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

Year 4 Class teachers

Dear Parent,

Your child will be working on the following curriculum during this term. Please feel free to talk to the Class teacher about any area of this curriculum.

Mathematics

Revision

Children will be revising some previous topics such as square numbers and square roots as well as Roman Numerals. There will be an emphasis on learning and understanding key vocabulary and symbols and mini tests will be given.

Multiplication:

Continuing from last term, children will be applying their multiplication skills to various problems with an emphasis on using the inverse (division). Children will be expected to know their times tables independently and be able to use the formal column method with increasing degrees of accuracy.

Measurement:

This is an opportunity for children to re-explore measurement with an emphasis on accuracy, conversion and area. This topic will be supported by their multiplication skills. The children will have opportunities to measure large and small objects and make practical calculations.

Fractions

Children will have the time to use their multiplication and division skills when we cover fractions. The emphasis will be on accuracy and problem solving.

English-

Jemmy Button

This half term, our class book that we will be reading is Valerio Vidali's "Jemmy Button". We will also be revisiting diary entries and introducing how to write a balanced argument. The children will have an opportunity to explore poetry, as well as taking an in-depth look at Settings and Character Development. We will be looking at how a story has a clear theme and structure. This term will also include some revision such as investigating language choices and exciting new vocabulary.

As well as this, we will be reading daily with the children to support their comprehension skills alongside providing support for good spelling and handwriting.

Grammar this term will include negatives, capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks and the use of commas. Please ensure that the children's grammar homework is completed on time.

Finally, the children will need to continue to learn their set spellings. They will be expected to complete several large spellings tests over the next few weeks.

Computing

In I.C.T, we will be using Spreadsheets as a medium for the children to explore and discover alternative ways of recording and presenting information. This will be used to support the Science, Topic and English curriculum.

Science

Sound. We continue with our prolonged topic which will allow the children to have an in depth study of 'Sound'. It will include exploring how sound is made and provide opportunities for children to work scientifically. Finally, it will encourage them to ask questions and seek answers to the topic that they are exploring.

P.E.

Indoor and outdoor P.E. will be delivered with this term's choices; Dance and Basketball.

Music

Practical music lesson alongside music theory and understanding. This term we are exploring Pop music with the Beatles 'Blackbird'.

PSHE

Topics for this term include: Dreams and Goals. This will allow the children to discuss their dreams and goals for the future.

Art/DT

Painting

Please feel free to send your child in with an old shirt for when they are painting. We will be exploring various painting techniques, both old and new. The children should really enjoy this topic.

Geography

Road Trip USA!

This half term we will be looking at the Human and Physical geography of the USA. We will start by looking at maps and locating various places. The children will have an opportunity to use their previous skills to write reports on this unique landscape.

Trips and Assemblies

Until further notice, there are no planned trips this term. We will keep you updated.