

Curriculum Newsletter for Parents- Year 4 Class teachers

Dear Parents/ Carers,

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

Children will be moving onto our next topics which are: decimals, fractions: calculating, time and converting units, area and perimeter, position and direction and statistics.

We will be using our knowledge of place value and number to explore decimal and fraction problems and eventually apply these to reasoning questions. We will then explore measurement in terms of various units such as millilitres, litres, grams and kilograms. Perimeter and area will be revised and eventually applied to reasoning questions and then finally finishing the year with position, direction and statistics.

As well as work in school, any extra revision for their times table check will be greatly beneficial. Times table rockstars can be accessed through the login in your child's reading record and is an enjoyable way to practice.

If you require any help with your child's learning or have any questions about an upcoming topic, please feel free to ask a member of the Year 4 team.

Computing

In computing, we will be looking at how to use micro-bits to code and animate. We will be using different types of software to look at and create animation resources.

English-

Mama Miti

This interesting and vibrant picture book tells the true story of Wangari Maathai who encouraged Kenyan women to plant trees to improve their lives and their country. The women used the branches to fence their animals and as stakes for their vines; they used the leaves to ripen their bananas and the fruit to feed their children. Not only we will be looking at the real story of Wangari and the legacy she left behind, we will be using the setting to create vivid setting descriptions and embellish our vocabulary.

Information leaflet, letter of advice, speech writing, biography.

Beowulf

For this topic, we will be looking at language choices and vocabulary within the text and how it is used. We will be note taking, practicing our joined handwriting skills, letters, Character description, writing in role, diary, play scripts, drawing and annotating. We are also using role on the wall and characterization, with variety of information texts including digital.

Grammar

Prefixes, suffixes, word endings, confusing words, hard and soft sounds, homophones.

VIPERS

Daily reading based learning to improve the quality of children's ability to read and understand the context they are reading

V- Vocabulary I- Inference P- Predict E- Explain R- Retrieve S- Summarise

Science

Our Science topic will be about 'Dangers to living things' and 'Grouping Living Things'. We will be classifying animals and looking at how they adapt and survive in their habitats, also we will be studying food chains.

P.E.

For indoor and outdoor P.E. that this term we will be focusing on movement, ball skills and athletics. Additionally, please remember to bring in your PE kit.

For your PE kit you will need: shorts or jogging bottoms (navy blue), a school PE top (navy blue) and plimsolls.

Music

Practical music lesson alongside music theory and understanding. This term we are exploring African drums and polyrhythms. This will also be linking to our English text (Mama Miti) to create rhythms and tunes linking to the culture of the story.

PSHE

This term, the topics will link to online safety regarding chatting online and sharing online. We will then move on to keeping our bodies safe regarding drugs, tobacco and first aid.

Art/DT

Sculpture and 3D/ Mechanical cars

We will be looking at changing 2D drawings into 3D drawings using shading and tones. We are also looking at creating 3D sculptures using different materials.

Geography

Volcanoes

This half term we will be studying volcanoes. We will be identifying the key aspects, statistics as well as looking at advantages and disadvantages of living near volcanoes. We will be using atlases, globes and digital mapping to locate different countries and volcanoes throughout the world. We will also be looking at how and why volcanoes erupt and the effect on the Earth's plates when this happens.

Trips and Assemblies

Year 4 will be going on a nature walk to a local park to observe habitats as part of our English topic. Our whole school Sports Day will be on Wednesday 25th June. The Year 4 Times table assessments will take place on the week commencing 2nd of June.