

Icarus Curriculum Information Sheet- Spring.

General Parent Information

Class P.E. days- Monday & Wednesday. Please ensure children come dressed in a plain white t-shirt/ school top and dark, plain bottoms. Reading records and homework booklets should be handed in on a Friday with a minimum of 5 times tables completed, a minimum of 5 spelling strategies practised a minimum of 3 reads per week.

English

We are going to start with learning all about how to write a persuasive letter and we are going to write ours to Mr Bate in an attempt to convince him to allow us to have a longer Christmas Break next year! We will then revisit instructional writing and recounts; we will base these pieces of writing upon the book, 'Escape from Pompeii.'

Mathematics

Our main focus will be on units of measurement and fractions. We will explore measuring, converting and adding/subtracting a variety of units (mm, cm, m/ kg, g/ hr, m and ml to l). Cooking and baking is a great way to help your children at home with measuring out liquids and weighing ingredients so any help is always appreciated!

The curriculum expectations for times tables are shown below:

Year 2: 2, 5 and 10 times tables

Year 3: 3, 4 and 8 times tables

Year 4: 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables.

Topic

Music

Key vocabulary- Motif, quaver, riff.

The children will learn to compose, notate and transpose a musical motif as well as combining and performing different versions of a musical motif. Our pupils will also enjoy whole class weekly Ukulele lessons throughout the Spring Term.

History

Key vocabulary- Empire, resistance, conquest.

Year 3/4 will learn about The Roman Empire from 27BC to 476 AD exploring Julius Caesar's attempted invasion, the successful invasion by Claudius and British resistance.

R.E.

Key vocabulary- Crucifixion, resurrection, Messiah

Hermes Class will learn about the festival of Easter, exploring the events that led up to Jesus' crucifixion and the events that occurred after this point.

Art

Key vocabulary- Wax resistant, sculpture, landfill

The pupils will create and decorate a musical instrument from recycled materials. They will also create a variety of collages and sculptures based upon the work of Arcimboldo, Sokari Douglas Camp and El Anatsui.

D.T.

Key vocabulary- Processed, reared, imported.

The children will learn how climate affects food growth and develop their understanding of the advantages of eating seasonal U.K. foods. They will then create and use a recipe that is healthy and nutritious using seasonal vegetables.

M.F.L.

Key vocabulary- Mosaic art, adjectives, noun.

Icarus Class will describe different shapes and colours and learn about the position of adjectives in relation to nouns in Spanish.

Science

Key vocabulary- Condensation, evaporation, precipitation

States of matter: Icarus Class will use their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases by deciding how materials might be separated, including filtering, sieving and evaporation.

Key vocabulary- Classify, key, adaptation

Living things and their habitats: Our pupils will learn to sort living things using a variety of criteria.

Computing

Key vocabulary- Sensor data, forecast, satellites.

Year 3/4 will learn how to research and store data using spreadsheets, design a weather station and learn how weather forecasts are made.

P.E.

Key vocabulary- Canon, unison, expression

The children will complete four units of P.E. this term, dance, invasion games (hockey), invasion games (tennis) and OAA (problem solving).

PSHE

Key vocabulary- Disappointment, counteract, pressure

Year 3/4 will look at goal setting and strategies to manage and face disappointment. Additionally, our pupils will continue to explore how to promote a healthy body and mind.

