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January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4,

Happy New Year. We would like to share with you the learning planned for the term. We hope that the information below helps you support your child over the coming term.

English

In English the children will start the term with explanation texts. They will write an explanation text about 'Bees and Honey'. This will include some areas covered before such as fronted adverbials and apostrophes, whilst incorporating new learning, such as tenses and sequential conjunctions.

The children will have weekly comprehension activities, often linked to other class topics. This will focus on reading, building vocabulary and understanding the text. The children will also be writing instruction texts linked to design & technology and pizza making. Later in the term the children will have a Shakespeare workshop as part of a Shakespeare week.

Spellings will comprise of a weekly class spelling list as well as the half termly star spell words. We will also complete our annual spelling test, which cannot be prepared for. This gives a clear indication of individual spelling ability and an understanding of different spelling rules.

The children always have reading books in the class and as a class we always have a class reader (a book we share together).

Mathematics

We will start the term with multiplication and division, before moving to area, fractions and finally decimals. All of this work will involve problem solving and reasoning. There will also be a focus on Maths vocabulary. The children should continue to complete timestables activities at home on a daily basis. There are always timestables sheets available in the classroom for the children to take home.

Science

In our Science this term we will start with our Sound topic before looking at the watercycle.

Computing

The focus this term is spreadsheets.

History and Geography

This term we will finish our Anglo Saxon topic before starting our Rivers topic in Geography. We are hoping to take the children to Slough Sewage Works as part of their Geography and Science topics.

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Thames Water run a free educational workshop, which will enhance their local knowledge and learning.

Art and Design Technology

In art we will be looking at the art of Andy Goldsworthy. The children will design and make papier mâché bees, which links to our work in English. Later in the term we are hoping to make pizza. This also links to our work in English.

Music

The children will continue their regular singing lesson with Mr Manners. In addition to this they will have a weekly lesson with the glockenspiels.

RE

In RE we return to Judaism focussing on the Jewish commitment to God. After half term we return to Christianity and the topic of forgiveness.

French

The children will be continuing their French studies with Mrs Brown.

PE

The children will have a weekly basketball lesson on Monday afternoon as well as their regular PE lesson with Mr Hawkes on Friday. The children will also have a weekly swimming lesson throughout the term.

Homework

The children will take home their homework folders each Friday. This will include a homework sheet and spelling list. They will have weekly spelling test, the following Friday. In addition to this the children are expected to read daily. Golden points are given for children who have regular parent comments in their reading logs. Reading books and logs should be returned each Wednesday and will go home on Thursdays.

We will, as always, be keeping in touch via Class News. Class News is written each Friday and should appear on the website by Monday at the latest.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dewar

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