



What's happening in Year 4 this term?

Welcome back to our final term! Here's a brief glimpse into what's in store for the children...

Mathematics

We are continuing to rehearse multiplication tables and any extra practice you can do at home with your child will be helpful. The children will be developing written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will be using decimal notation, particularly in relation to money. They will also begin to understand reflection of simple shapes, angles and direction and will learn to convert standard metric units. We will be continuing our work on fractions, finding fractions of amounts and equivalent fractions.

Literacy

This term we are starting by looking at stories with historical settings and therefore will be linking this with our history topic on the Ancient Egyptians. The children will look at persuasive writing, including adverts. We will also be looking at explanation texts and will continue to look at poetry in a range of forms. Within Literacy the children will continue to practise key spelling patterns, grammatical rules and correct sentence punctuation. Please encourage your child to use capital letters and full stops correctly in any writing they do at home.

Science

The children will learn about different types of habitats and how organisms are adapted to their habitat. We will also be learning about electricity; constructing simple circuits, investigating switches and conductors and insulators. We are hoping to link our work on electricity with work in DT. We will be investigating the skeleton, movement and muscles.

ICT

This term the children will continue to use the internet to research our topics in order to further their understanding. The children will be learning how to use logo to write simple instructions to enable a screen turtle to draw shapes. They will be using PowerPoint to present their findings in other areas of the curriculum.

Foundation subjects

To complete our Ship Ahoy topic, the children will travel back in time to the sailing of the Titanic. Learning about this will develop the children's understanding of chronology and their use of sources of evidence. Following this, the children will be finding out what we can learn about the Ancient Egyptians from what has survived. This will involve looking at a range of sources to find out about life in Ancient Egypt. We intend to visit Fitzwilliam Museum on 8th June to learn how historical artefacts can inform our understanding of people long ago. Our artwork will be based around the Egyptians.

In PSHE we will be discussing drug awareness and following the SEAL unit 'Relationships'. In PE we will be developing skills in cricket, rounders and 'Aussie Rules!' Swimming will commence after half term. This term, the children will be preparing for a wonderful display of Country Dancing. Music will focus on singing activities and composition work. During the first half of the term the children will be learning to play rhythms on African drums. Recorders will also form part of the weekly music lesson.

French

Monsieur Hicks will be revising places in a town. He will be developing their vocabulary further using role-play. They will be using the phrase 'Où vas-tu' with days of the week.

E.g. Où vas-tu Mercredi soir? Je vais à la patinoire

In addition, they will be learning how to ask for different amounts of food and drink. This will be linked to asking for food or drink in a café.

e.g. Je voudrais un kilo / un bol / une assiette / une tasse etc...

Est-ce que je peux avoir (plus items)

Other adults working in the classroom

Mrs Keller and Miss Moulton are responsible for releasing the class teachers for their Planning, Preparation and Assessment time each week. Mrs Dann will be continuing to support groups of children in literacy and Maths.

Homework

Homework continues to be given out on a Thursday and handed in on the following Tuesday. This will continue to be either Maths or Literacy. Please encourage your child to come and see us no later than Monday if they have any questions or are unsure about the homework set. Children are expected to spend at least 30 minutes on their weekly homework task in addition to regular reading practice. Homework should be completed in either pencil or blue pen.

Useful reminders

- PE kit on Wednesdays and Thursdays for both Year 4 classes - please ensure indoor and outdoor kit is available on both days.
- Reading books can be changed on any day.
- Please continue to send recorders on Thursdays for class 9 and class 10.
- Please provide your child with a dark blue handwriting pen for use in school. We have a few available in class for use but it is preferable if your child has one of their own.

We hope you find this information useful in supporting your child's learning. Please encourage your child to research topic areas at home to enhance their knowledge and understanding.

Best wishes

Mrs Thompson and Mrs Farr

