



What's happening in Year 4 this term?

Welcome back to an action packed term! Here's a brief glimpse into what's in store for the children...

Numeracy

We are continuing to rehearse 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 multiplication tables. Any extra practice you can do at home would be much appreciated. The children will be learning written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We are focussing on mental strategies for adding 2 or 3 digit numbers, such as partitioning or counting on from the smaller number. The children will be comparing and ordering fractions and decimals. In shape, data and measures we will be covering capacity and calculating area and perimeter. The children will also focus on angles and bar charts. We will be continuing with our whole school target of division.

Literacy

This term our narrative writing will focus on stories from different cultures. Our non-fiction writing will include information texts and explanation texts. The children will read a variety of non-fiction texts and learn to make notes. They will also be thinking about the audience they are writing for and how to adapt their writing appropriately. Within the literacy hour 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. All the children are now writing in pen and should be joining their handwriting as neatly as possible.

Science

Our first science topic this term is about solids and liquids and how they can be separated. The children will investigate viscosity of different liquids, how to separate a mixture and look at melting, freezing and dissolving. Our second topic is called 'circuits and conductors' where the children will be constructing simple circuits and investigating electrical conductors and insulators.

ICT

The children will be focusing this term on using search engines effectively, improving their word processing and publishing skills. We will continue to use ICT in other areas of the curriculum.



Foundation subjects

The children will be learning about village life in Chembakolli, India and this links nicely with our RE topic on Hinduism. Our D+T topic will involve designing a money container using a variety of materials. In PSHE we will be discussing ways of keeping safe and the SEAL unit 'Going for Goals'. We will be studying gymnastics and games in PE sessions this term. Our games topic is 'ball on the ground'. Of course, music this term will involve preparing for our big performance at the end of term. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you in advance for all your help and support along the way!

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 supporting groups of children in literacy and Maths.

Useful reminders

- PE kit is required on Thursday and Friday for Class 9. Please ensure indoor and outdoor kit is available on both days
- Class 10 will have PE lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure indoor and outdoor kit is available on both days
- Like last term, homework will be given out on Thursday and handed back in on Tuesday. Reading books can be changed on any day, but our regular book change times are on Fridays.
- Please continue to send recorders on Thursday and encourage your child to practise at home. Obviously the show will take priority over recorder lessons this term. Children may also audition to play an instrument in the band for the show.
- We have no trips planned for this term, but we hope to have visitors in to enrich our topics.

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 and Happy New Year!

Mrs Newton and Mrs Farr