

Year 4 Spring Term Learning



English:

Our novel in the Spring term will be Kensuke's Kingdom. We will be using the novel for writing instructions, making a captain's log, designing a travel brochure and writing a newspaper article. This powerful novel provides many opportunities for discussion and chances to examine the themes raised. We will also be looking at aspects of Japanese culture and using the book as an inspiration for haiku poetry.

Maths:

This term we will continue to focus on times tables. Our goal is for all children to learn all times tables from 2-12. We will also recap on the four main operations and use them in a range of different scenarios. We will start the term with a week of geometry looking at features of different 2d shapes. We will examine different types of polygons, quadrilaterals and triangles as well as looking at symmetry. We will practise using time in a range of written and mental problems and conclude the term with 2 step written problems in which the children will be shown how to identify which operation is required at each stage of the problem.

Topic:

This term we will be focusing on music, the slave trade and science. Our science topic is sound. We will examine how sound travels, different vibrations, pitch and amplitude. The children will take part in practical investigations to investigate how sound works. In History, we will be looking at the slave trade. We will examine the roots of the slave trade, how and why it was allowed to take place and how the lives of those involved were impacted. In Music, each class is studying a focus artist and song, we will be responding to the music, learning the song and researching the artists themselves. We will be learning songs across the school and performing these to each other.

Other information:

PE will take place on Thursday afternoons. Children will need to have the correct sports kit in school every week for this session, as PE is a crucial part of the national curriculum. As the weather turns colder, some warmer clothes would be advisable as PE will usually take place outside. It is imperative that children have their PE kits in school.

Spelling tests will take place on Fridays. Homework is set on a Friday, to be handed in by the following Friday. Homework is also available on the Year 4 section of the website.

How can I help:

- In Year 4 we are aiming for all children to learn all of their times tables from 2-12. The Times Table Rock Stars website is a fun way for children to practise their times tables. If you don't have a log in contact your class teacher and they will help you. You can also sing times tables in songs and practise them on the way to school!
- When reading with your child, discussion and questioning will encourage reading for meaning and support understanding. It is hugely beneficial for children to read and discuss books with adults. Please speak to your class teacher if you do not have a book at home to read together. From time to time encourage your child to try different types of books.
- Practising spelling lists will help with accuracy and reduce common spelling errors.

Year 4 Curriculum Map



English

Autumn: Fiction and non fiction writing based on the novel. The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe and the Merchant of Venice.

Spring: Fiction and non fiction writing based on the novel. Kensuke's Kingdom

Summer: Fiction and non fiction writing based on the novel. Why the Whales came

Maths

Autumn: Place value, negative numbers, estimating and rounding, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions

Spring: Roman numerals, time, statistics and data, Fiction and non fiction writing based on the novel.

Summer: pictograms, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams, units of measure,

Physical Education

Autumn: football, Rugby

Spring: Hockey, gymnastic

Summer: Athletics

Science

Autumn: Electricity

Spring: Sound

Summer: The digestion system

History

Autumn: Ancient Greeks

Spring: The slave trade

Summer: The Mayans

Geography

Autumn: Location and knowledge of Europe

Spring: The water cycle

Summer: Weather

Computing

Autumn: E-safety.

Spring: Algorithms

Summer: an introduction to typing

Religious Education

Autumn: Harvest, Christmas

Spring: Why is our world special, Easter

Summer: Judaism

Music

Autumn: Christmas Performance and remembrance day

Spring: Ukulele

Summer: Summer performance, famous

Food & nutrition

Autumn: A healthy balanced diet.

Spring: To find where fruit and veg come from.

Summer: Understand seasonality

Art & DT

Autumn: Changing seasons

Spring: Still life drawing, design and making birdhouses

Summer: Design and making a lighthouses.