

Year 4 Summer Term Learning



English:

The stimulus for all our writing this term is the novel *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. The children will be building on skills introduced throughout the year to write in a variety of writing styles. To begin the term, children will write diary entries focussing on creating an authentic voice with informal language choices to reflect the genre of writing. Children will also be learning to write discussion pieces, using supporting evidence to support their arguments while ensuring they remain balanced to both sides of the argument. The children will also learn new genres: they will learn to write reviews, using puns and their own opinion as if it were fact to enhance their arguments.

Maths:

This term we focus on using many of the skills we have learnt throughout the year contextually through a greater degree of reasoning questions. One of the foci of the term is to work with fractions, decimals and percentages understanding the relationship between the three in order to convert and solve problems. We will also work at being more fluent in solving reasoning problems involving measure where the children will learn to convert appropriate units of measure in order to calculate with them. The children will also further develop their fluency in all times tables up to 12x12.

Topic:

We will be learning about many new and exciting topics this term. The children will learn about the Ancient Greeks, learning about the concept of chronology before learning about the ancient Olympics and the importance of Greek Gods and mythology in everyday life. In Science, children will learn about the digestive system, looking at the role of teeth and they differ in carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, the internal digestive system and developing an understanding of complex food chains. Finally in DT, the children will create their own version of *Kensuke's Kingdom* to a design specification using Modroc.

Other information:

PE will take place on Tuesday 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. Homework will be handed out every Friday. Most weeks this will consist of one task related to English, Maths or other topics, alongside the weekly spellings. The spelling test takes place on a Friday.

How can I help?

Reading with your child is still very important in Year 4. Even a few minutes of reading is beneficial, with reading skills being so important across the curriculum. Please support your child in regular practice of spellings and times tables as children in Year 4 will undertake a formal Times Table check. Times Tables Rockstars is a great place to do this.

Useful websites:

- <https://uk.ixl.com/>
- <http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zsgkwmn/resources/1>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zryycdm>