



Autumn Term – Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4

English

Speaking and Listening

- Articulate & justify opinion
- Gain, maintain & monitor interest of listeners

Reading – Matilda & Varijak Paw

- Secure decoding of unfamiliar words
- Discuss words & phrases that capture the imagination
- Retrieve & record information
- Make inferences & justify predictions
- Identify & summarise ideas

Writing

- Correctly spell common homophones
- Increase regularity of handwriting
- Organise writing into paragraphs
- Use simple organisational devices
- Proof-read for spelling & punctuation errors
- Use wider range of conjunctions
- Select pronouns and nouns for clarity

Maths

- Know all tables to 12 x 12 – with a big focus on TT Rockstars
- Column addition & subtraction up to 4 digits
- Multiply & divide mentally
- Recognise tenths & hundredths
- Solve money problems
- Shape & Space

Our topic for the Autumn term is 'Made a difference'. During this topic, we will be focusing on the following subjects, History, Geography, Art and D&T. We will be learning about the following things:

- Explain the impact of a significant historical figure on life in Britain and the rest of the world.
- Recording a range of historical information
- Locate countries of Europe, North and South America
- Select and record visual and other information to develop ideas on a theme.
- Create a photomontage of digital images to achieve a particular purpose.
- Explain how the design of a product has changed over time and the reason for this.
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- Identify what has worked well and what could be improved, evidencing and explaining the results of research.

In this topic we will be using the following vocabulary, if possible please talk about these words at home to ensure your child has good understanding of their meaning:

History – Suffrage, segregation, equality, significant, person, contribution, society, Quaker, not appreciated at the time, time line, time period, changes, impact, Taliban.

Geography – America, UK, Bourneville, South Africa, France, Pakistan.

Art and Design – Collage, colour, emotion, theme, visual, complementary, contrasting, similarities and differences, sketch book.

Design and Technology – Product, design, sources, packaging, develop, ingredients, healthy, safety, processes, preserve, evaluate, research, money, change.

As part of the topic the children will go on the following trips / have the following experiences:

- 18/09/19 – trip to Cadbury World
- Make chocolate bars
- Sell chocolate bars for charity

Science

In Science, this term, Year 4 will be looking at Sound and Animals including Humans.

The key skills they will cover are:

- Identifying how sounds are made
- Finding patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it
- Describing the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans through investigation
- Constructing and interpreting a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

PSHE/Peacemakers

During Peacemakers we will be focusing on target setting, respect, kindness and co-operation. We will discuss the different ways children can make sure they demonstrate these skills. We will also look at how conflict affects them.

We will

- Talk about their achievements and plan how to work towards new goals
- Identify positive ways to face new challenges, applying knowledge creatively.
- Make use of constructive feedback.
- Recognise that their actions affect themselves and others.

PE

PE in Year 4 is on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. This term the skills we will focus on are ball skills and coot camp fitness. Your child will experience a raised heart rate so it is essential they have the correct PE kit to allow for this. During the Autumn term our PE lessons will take place in the hall.

On Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons your child will participate in the Daily Mile. PE kit is not required for this activity.

RE

During RE in Year 4 this term children will learn about Hinduism, they will begin to understand the difference between happiness and spiritual joy. They will look at how Hindus express joy through the Diwali celebrations.

They will also look at how Harvest Festival helps the needs of individuals in society today.

We will also cover Buddhism; children will get the opportunity to experience the practice of meditation!

French

This term in French year 4 will concentrate on memorising and presenting spoken text and listening for sounds, rhyme and rhythm. We will also write simple words and phrases.

Homework

Your child has been given a homework grid. They need to complete one activity from the grid each week. They will be rewarded for completing homework tasks, which is to be handed in every Friday. We will celebrate this in class too. We have many resources in school to help your child complete their homework. If there are any questions on this, please see one of the member of the Year 4 team and we will be more than happy to help you.

We would also like to encourage children to read regularly at home where they can track the books they read on Bug Club. They should also be practicing their multiplication on TT Rockstars; they have a test in the Summer term.

Key Dates

- 18/09/19 – Cadbury World trip
- 14/11/19 - 4B Assembly
- 12/12/19 - 4A Assembly