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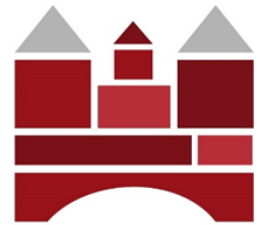
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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter



English

The children will be extending their understanding and skills in grammar whilst developing their writing abilities through studying a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The children will be studying *The Iron Man* by the author Ted Hughes, a poetry unit and writing a non-chronological report about the Ancient Greeks. Study of these texts will involve the children using subordinate clauses and conjunctions, descriptive language, developing their flair and understanding how to write for different outcomes.

Mathematics

Subject areas studied will be supported by work in Big Maths sessions. The main topics we will be covering are: money, time, shape, statistics and position and direction. Children will work to improve their reasoning skills to develop greater independence when encountering problems that are new to them, also utilising strategies learnt with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will engage in mastery tasks to further develop their mathematical reasoning skills.

Science

Our topic for this term is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. There will be a field trip to Aylestone Meadows later in the term to explore the environments animals and plants live in locally, as well as a trip to Twycross Zoo.

Computing

We will be doing the Purple Mash topics: 'Using Logo' and 'Effective Searching'. Internet searching will help us research topics from subjects across the curriculum.



PE

We will be working on our health and fitness skills this term. This will include developing agility and static balance in outdoor PE and reaction and responses in indoor PE, to create sequences with controlled movement.

RE

We will firstly be exploring how babies are welcomed into different religions. After half term, we will be finding out about different places of worship and why religious buildings are important to people.

History

This term, we will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks. Our focus will include: their achievements, their impact on the western world, architecture, inventions, key events and significant people.

Geography

In the summer term, we will be continuing our study of the water cycle. This includes learning about climate change, flooding and precipitation, building on from what we learnt about the water cycle in the spring term.

French

We will be studying the language of food and how to order in a café. We will revisit our French number skills when thinking about paying the bill. We will also be recapping what we have already learnt this year.

PSHCE

We will be studying several topics including citizenship and diversity in communities; myself and relationships, specifically managing change; and an RSE unit about growing up, including learning about puberty.

Art & Design

We will be developing our painting skills in art; exploring colour mixing and how to create different tones in pieces of art.

Music

In music, we will be studying the composition and structure of music focusing on beat and performance.

Design Technology

In DT, we will be exploring different fastenings, then design and make a book sleeve which fastens.

Important Information

- Please send your child to school with their reading books as it is essential that children are reading in school every day. Children should read to an adult at home at least 3 times a week - this really makes a difference to their understanding and comprehension.
- Homework will continue to reinforce concepts learned in school. Weekly tasks are set on a **Friday** and these should be brought back to school on a **Wednesday** for marking.
- PE is on a **Monday**. Correct PE kit should be worn in school on that day. **Jewellery must be removed** or tape brought in; with long hair tied back.
- If you wish to speak to Miss Walsh or Mr Lewis, please feel free to contact us through the school office or speak to us after school.
- Swimming will be on Fridays and will happen right up until the penultimate week because we break up for Summer holidays on Thursday 13th July.