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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2023

English

This term we will be reading the texts: 'Manfred the Baddie' to develop our explanation and persuasive writing techniques; The 'Spiderwick Chronicles' to develop our story writing skills; and different poems from anthologies to develop our poetic understanding. Throughout the term, we will be working on developing our understanding of Year 4 grammar and punctuation as well as improving our spelling knowledge.

Mathematics

This term we will be focusing on working with length and perimeter, which follows on closely from our recent topic of area. We will also be revisiting fractions after our first topic on this in the Autumn term and begin to make links with decimals. As well as this, we will be introducing and practising the formal written method for multiplication and division, and using this to solve problems.

Science

We will be learning about states of matter, and investigating at how solids, liquids and gases change states. We will also be studying electricity in the second half of the term.

Computing

Our first unit is animation, learning how to make simple and more complex animations using Purple Mash. We will then be focusing on effective searching online.



PE

We will be looking at creating dance and movement sequences to a range of music. We will also be developing our reaction and response skills, as well as our sending and receiving skills.

RE

Our topic this term includes looking at values and 'what matters most'. We will be looking at Christianity and Humanists, as well as symbols from a wide range of religions.

History

In the second half term of spring we will begin our topic on the Ancient Greek civilisation, learning about the legacy they left behind such as democracy and the Olympic Games.

Geography

We will be studying 'Our European Neighbours' in the spring term, which involves studying Europe, the countries, cities and geographical features within the continent.

Design Technology and Art and Design

In Art, we will make volcanoes, using skills such as papier-mâché modelling and blending colours when painting. We will plan, cook and evaluate biscuits in DT.

PSHE

Our topic is 'Myself and my Relationships', where we will explore emotions, worries and getting support. We will also continue to discuss current issues from Picture News.

French

This term we will continue our learning of some staple vocabulary in French, as well as focusing on clothing. We will also be extending our knowledge of French grammar.

Music

Children will complete the musical unit 'Around the World' and explore singing and will use a glockenspiel to create music.

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 after school.