

Spring 2024– Curriculum News

January 2024

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the new year.

We begin our term with History, which will take us back to the time of the Anglo Saxons. We will be finding out about their everyday lives, their origins and their importance in British history. We will find out where this historical period is placed alongside the chronology of other historical periods the children know. Our Geography learning will focus on longitude and latitude, time zones and how they affect us. In our Science lessons, we will be learning about teeth, the digestive system and food chains. In Computing, we will be learning about programming using Scratch. PSHE will be taught weekly and will focus on 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. These topics will explore our ambitions and sources of inspiration as well as how to keep ourselves healthy by learning about balanced diets, exercise and healthy lifestyle choices. Speaking and listening will be a central aspect of this subject. In our R.E lessons, we will be exploring Buddhism and whether its teachings make the world a better place. In the second half of the term, we will be learning about Christianity and forgiveness. In art, 'textiles and printmaking' will be our focus as we explore Kente Cloth patterns. In DT, we will focus on mechanisms and structures. In Music, we will further improve our ukulele playing with Mr. Cole.

Year 4 staff

Mr Marsh

Mrs Jones

Mexico class

Mrs Hughes

Morocco Class

Mrs Cragg/ Mr Newson

PPA Cover

Mr Crouch

Learning Support Assistant



English

Children will be exploring lots of different genres. These will include poetry, explanation texts (linked to our Science), narrative and a persuasive advert. We will place great emphasis on foundational writing skills such as basic punctuation, spelling and sentence structure to prepare children for UKS2.



Reading

Children will be given regular opportunities to quiz and change their 'Ready Reader' book. Please listen to your child **read at least 3 times a week** and record this, with a signature, in your child's reading log. We also encourage children to record any independent reading they have done at home.



Mathematics

Children will further explore multiplication and division this term, using formal written methods. They will complete problem solving activities to further their understanding of the number system. We will begin new learning about decimals and extend our learning about fractions. Children will continue to practise their times tables in readiness for the government's multiplication table check: for this they will need to know all of the multiplication tables up to 12 X 12 and be able to respond with an answer within 6 seconds. Any support you can give at home would greatly help your child to be fully prepared for this. Frequent use of Times Table Rock Stars is highly recommended, using the heat maps to know which facts need more practise.

Recommended Read



The Girl who Talked to Trees.
Natasha Farrant

Olive makes a promise to the four-hundred-year-old oak tree...



Rainbow Challenges

Create a model of a tooth.

Create and build your own Anglo -Saxon house.

Write a postcard from your class country.

When going for a walk, try to notice what happens in nature as Spring arrives.

Learn how to tie knots (shoelaces, end of a thread, etc)

Paint a picture of a flower like Georgia O'Keeffe.

Learn how to make your bed (ready for the residential trip!)



Home Learning

From Friday 12th, we will be setting home learning. This will be a maths OR English task in addition to a spelling task to complete on Showbie. This task will be related to the learning in the classroom. It will be set on Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Children will learn a new spelling concept each fortnight and spelling games will be set on Spelling Shed which relate to the spelling rule/pattern being taught in class. Times Tables Rockstars is highly recommended to enhance and secure the children's knowledge of multiplication and division facts. Please encourage your child to practice on TTRS as frequently as possible.



PE

PE will be on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct P.E kit on both of these days. Warm clothes will be needed; this includes a dark coloured jumper as children should not wear their school jumper for P.E. **Earrings must be removed and long hair tied back for safety reasons.**