

Year 4 Summer Term Update

A Message from the Class Teachers

As we reach our Summer term we will be covering lots of exciting subjects and topics. In the mornings we will carry on with our usual routine of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, with plenty of challenging activities to keep the children engaged and enjoying learning. In the afternoon, classes will consist of Science, Geography, Art, Music, Computing and much more.

Our homework tasks are set every Monday and they are planned to support the work done in class and will be as follows:-

- Two Mathletics tasks (plus online points to earn).
- Spelling list on Readwriter (also online points to earn).
- Lexia: Complete the work generated and ensure to complete individual allocated minutes.
 - At least 20 minutes per day reading at home.

In order to support the pupils we have introduced Lexia slots on a morning to help complete the allocated minutes. For children who are allocated 50+ minutes they will be given two Lexia slots.

We have also introduced a weekly homework club for pupils who would prefer to do some of their homework in school rather than at home.

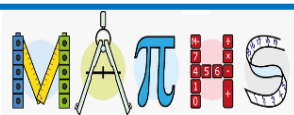
In addition, it would be great if the children could practice their times tables at home for a short period each week.

This will really help them in Maths lessons and also prepare them for the Times Tables Check, which is a nationwide assessment to be taken later this academic year for all Year 4 children (see Maths section below for more details).



In English we are reading a new text '*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*'. The children have been really excited about this book. Miss Richardson has made a fantastic Narnia wardrobe for our classrooms. We are going to create wanted posters for the White Witch, postcards from the characters and more. Our two main writing goals are to write a detailed setting description and a play script! The latter will involve some drama and role playing to get the creative juices flowing.

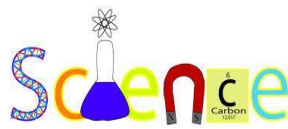
We will also continue to hand out spelling sheets and have a test once a week (usually Mondays).



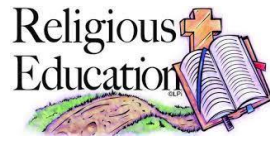
In Maths we are going to be looking at Geometry - position and direction which involves drawing and reasoning on a grid. We will also spend some time focusing on Time and Money. These topics are really important topics which help pupils in day to day life.

There is also a Multiplication Tables Check (link below) that we use to test children on times tables facts where they only have six seconds to answer each question - this is similar to a nationwide test all Year 4 children will be doing later this year. So any practice they can do at home, as well in school, will be a great help!

[Multiplication Tables Check](#)



This term, Year 4 will be looking at the human digestive system, as well as comparing this with other animals and how they digest food. Our work will include lots of scientific vocabulary and discussions, as well as some really exciting (and messy) investigations where we will create our own version of the human digestive system!



This term in RE we are focusing on the Gospel. We are going to discuss what kind of world Jesus wanted for us and what kind of world we would like to live in. We will also make links between Christianity and other religions throughout this unit identifying similarities and differences.



We will be finding out what happened when the Romans left Britain. We will be learning about Anglo-Saxon Britain and using primary sources.



This term we are looking at mapwork. We will learn about OS maps, 4 figure grid references and the use of a compass.



In Music we are going to focus on rhythm and percussion. We are then going to focus on singing as part of an end of year performance. Y4 pupils will be given a chosen song that they will learn. They will learn to perform in parts and perform in a school assembly at the end of the year. We are also going to focus on increasing confidence when it comes to playing on the recorder which we began last term.



In Art we will be continuing our focus on Art in Modern Culture and looking at the works of Lichtenstein. We will explore the question 'What would Lichtenstein's onomatopoeia art look like as modern day graffiti?' whilst learning to draw 3D colour blended lettering.



Now we've finished our Maths Games, we'll focus on using our computing skills to imagine we're continuing through the game-making process. We've started to design a magazine cover, use our word processing skills to write reviews and develop adverts to show off our magnificent games. Alongside all of this, we'll focus on online safety.



This term we will be completing a school wide project called 'This is Me'. We will be looking at ways to raise our self-esteem and why it is important to have a positive mindset. We will also think about what makes us special and unique as well as what makes a positive friendship.

French

This term's topic is Animals, the children will learn new vocabulary related to animals and pets. They will learn to ask about pets, describe animals using adjectives and name animal homes.



In PE we will be looking at Athletics where our focus will be Running, Throwing and Jumping events. We will be looking at all of the Track and Field events to help widen the children's knowledge of Athletics. In the second half of the term we will be looking at Striking and Fielding, looking at Rounders.

If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Year 4 team.

Yours sincerely,

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