



Year 4

Half Termly Update

Spring Term 2

Dear Parents,

It has been great to welcome your children back to school this week. The children are working hard and we continue to be impressed with them as learners. We are looking forward to an exciting trip to the Natural History Museum. This half term, we will continue to practice our times tables in preparation for The Multiplication Tables Check in early June. Please continue to support the children in learning their times tables. They can practice on the website: www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/ P.E. will continue to take place on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child comes into school in their full P.E. kit.

English - Writing

Year 4 will start this term by writing a letter to the earth, expressing their curiosity and gratitude. The children will develop their understanding of carefully selecting vocabulary for a particular effect. We will also plan carefully, considering how we can create settings, character and plots with interesting description. The children will write a powerful setting description and a dialogue based on the fantastic book *The Lorax* by Dr Seuss.

English - Reading

The children will read the exciting thriller *Krindlekrax* by Philip Ridley. The children will continue to retrieve and infer information from a text, as well as explain author choices. We will think about the meaning of new vocabulary and the strategies we can use to understand unfamiliar words. Please continue to ask your children questions about the books they are reading at home. They will continue to develop their love for reading in our Reading for Pleasure sessions.

Maths

Year 4 have been working hard to improve their times tables and this will continue. All Year 4 children should aim to know their times tables from 1 - 12 for their times tables assessment in June. In lessons, they will also be exploring fractions, finding equivalent fractions, finding fractions of shapes and amounts and fractions of numbers. They will be exploring fractions in different ways using concrete examples, pictures and written methods. This will be linked to learning about decimals and how they relate to one another.

Science

Children will learn how sounds are made, and that vibrations travel through a medium such as air, water and metal to the ear. They will look at visuals of sound waves and explore pitch through an experiment using data loggers. The children will also learn about how distance affects sound. We will conclude our learning by learning about sound insulators.

Geography

The children will learn about some of the problems facing the Earth today, think about the impact these problems are having and explore possible solutions. They will learn about how we can help the Earth and make pledges about how they are going to make a change by reducing, reusing and recycling. They will also make a piece of art urging people to 'Love our Earth'.

Music

This term, year 4 will continue to develop their ukulele skills, learn songs and explore harmony through canons. They will also continue to learn about influential songwriters during a weekly singing assembly.

Homework

The children need to read at home every day to develop their confidence and fluency. They should also write a comment in their reading diary. They need to practise maths on Doodle Maths/Tables every day. Weekly spelling will be given on Friday every week. Please practise the spellings with your child and help them write sentences using these words.

P.E.

Year 4 will continue to learn striking and fielding skills, with a focus on cricket. They will use a range of throwing and catching skills and techniques. They will also take part in fitness sessions. As well as this, Year 4 will continue to learn and perform floor and vault movements. They will learn to link these together to form a short routine. In their dance lessons, they will continue to choreograph their own sequences and routines, performing individually and as part of a small group.

RE: Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?

Children will learn about the life of Jesus and why he is inspiring to some people. They will read stories about Jesus and reflect on the messages.

Computing

The children will be learning how to use google slides to make a presentation about their chosen problem, impact and solution for Geography.