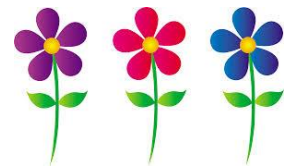


Year 4 Spring Term



Welcome back after the Christmas break.

We hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday! It's the start of a New Year.

Maths

As Mathematicians, we continue to focus upon our times tables knowledge. We will continue to use our four-rule calculations knowledge with a focus on multiplication and division, as well as learning new skills linked to fractions and decimals. We will also be finding the area of different shapes by applying our calculation skills.



English

This term English will begin with exploring diaries and newspaper reports linked to our new text of Kensuke's Kingdom, followed by poetry work and later moving into Narrative writing. The children will be encouraged to use a variety of vocabulary, conjunctions, fronted adverbials and punctuation to make their writing exciting, ensuring it engages the reader. Handwriting is a big focus this term, particularly our joining skills. We will continue to work on spelling, grammar and punctuation skills and develop our editing and checking skills.

Science



As Scientists, the children will be learning about States of Matter. This will explore the Physics principles of how solids, liquids and gases behave and the arrangement of particles. The children will continue to investigate with hand-on, practical work

and work scientifically to discuss their understanding to draw conclusions.

P.E

This term in our PE sessions, pupils will work both inside and outside, including work on ball and equipment control, sending and receiving and the skills of teamwork and tactics in game situations. Please ensure you check your child's kit is in school on those days, that it is named and that their shoes still fit comfortably. Thank you.



PSHE

During the first half term children will learn



about what makes a community and shared responsibilities. We will then move on to learning about how data is shared and used. Finally, children will have the opportunity to make decisions about money, as well discussing how to use money and keep it safe.

MFL

In French lessons, we will learn to discuss members of our family, and move onto looking at describing pets and animals.



Religious Education

The children will be learning about the Islamic faith including significant buildings, beliefs and worship rituals.

Thematic Topic

Our topic for the first half of this term is 'Law and Order', which will link to many areas of the curriculum.

In PSHE we will explore the roles of fairness, equality and democracy, and being a leader and role model. We will use our English skills to write to significant people. In Art, we will use sketchbook skills and develop our drawing using observations.

As Dancers, we will work on sequencing and synchronisation working with partners, and in Music we will use symbols to record and layer sound, including musical notation.

The second half of the term sees a History topic, on Harold Godwinson.

It's a busy Spring term ahead, indeed!

Homework Children will receive a new Reading Journal this term, with refreshed activities. Children will have the opportunity to complete creative homework tasks in their purple homework books. Homework will be given every few weeks and children will always be given time to complete activities. Phonic or Oak Academy spellings will continue every week. Times tables remain a key focus, in preparation for the test in June – please continue to practise regularly.

Thank you, as ever, for your support with this. 😊