



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 Spring 2018

Mrs Mason

Mrs Aldridge

Mrs Worrall

Mrs Wilkes

This is a summary of the learning programme for your child this term:

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|  | English | We will explore a range of texts and genres to extend the children's skills in grammar, vocabulary and spelling, these may be linked to other areas of the curriculum. Children will be heard read every week during Guided Reading. Please continue to hear your child read on a regular basis and enter comments in their diary. The children are encouraged to read and enter their own comments in themselves. Children who we identify as needing additional support will have extra group or 1:1 reading sessions. |
|  | Maths | Children will be taught in ability groups and will follow the National Curriculum. We will develop mental/oral skills during each lesson. Every Friday, the children will be given Maths homework to complete by the following Wednesday. This will include computer based activities (hardcopies will be available). We will also learn multiplication tables and division facts. |
|  | Topic | Our topic is The Mighty Midlands. Children will learn about the Industrial Revolution and how this changed Britain, the Midlands and the World for ever. A key focus will be the Cadbury's chocolate factory in Birmingham. Geography, Art and DT will also be linked to this topic. |
|  | Science | The children will continue to learn about electricity and become more proficient at making a variety of electrical circuits. After that, they will study States of Matter; solids, liquids and gases. |
|  | Religious Education | In RE, the children will study the Christian Bible and learn more about prayer within different religions. |
|  | Music | The children will be taught key skills on how to play their recorders. This lesson will take place on Thursdays and be taught by Ms Barnfather. All recorders will need to be kept in school unless children have purchased their own. They will also have weekly Drumming Workshop lessons from Mr J Powell, through D.P.A. |
|  | PSHE | In PSHE , the children will learn about an issue connected to the wider world - money! They will also study 'Health and Well Being', which will be linked to DT. |
|  | Computing | The children will continue to develop their computer programming skills using 'Purple Mash' and 'Blippit 10'. In addition to this, they will use the Internet to research other curriculum areas. Conducting safe searches on-line will be the E-safety focus this term. |
|  | PE | PE will take place every Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day. During the first half term the children will be developing their street dancing skills. After the holiday, they will focus on improving the skills needed to play tennis. |
|  | Modern Foreign Languages | The children will continue to study the French language. In addition to this, they will learn about the country and culture of France. The two French topics for this term will be 'On The Move' and 'What's The Time?' |

Additional information: Every Friday, the children will be given Maths and spelling homework to complete by the following Wednesday. On occasion this may also include words to learn from a spelling list for a short spelling quiz. In addition, we will also send weekly Topic based homework where the children choose what they would like to complete from the list provided. Friday 16th February school is closed for an Inset day, 19th to 23rd February is half term. Spring term ends on Thursday 29th March and we open again on Monday 16th April. Parents' Evening this year is 13th and 15th February, World Book Day is 1st March. Year 1 class assembly will take place at 9.00am on 8th March. The next parent workshops will be topic based, week commencing 12th March. There will be a school disco on 22nd March. The Home and School Association will be arranging an Easter Egg Hunt after school on Wednesday 28th March, more detail to follow.