



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Term 4 of this academic year. Below is an overview of what will be covered in 4CL this term.

Language, Oracy & Literacy

This term children will be working firstly on the features of a Biography followed by descriptive language and storytelling, related to the class reader, *The Ice Palace* by Robert Swindell. They will also be working on Explanatory text related to their Time and Place topic 'Spain'. Children will continue to learn Mandarin as an additional language.

They will learn to use the possessive apostrophe and revise the use commas after or before phrases and clauses.

Mathematics

We will be looking at doubling and halving decimal numbers, counting in fractions, initially using improper fractions and then using mixed numbers and equivalent fractions. The children will also learn about relating fractions to their decimal equivalents and understand percentage as the number of parts in every 100. The children will learn to describe movements between positions as translations of a given unit to the left/right and up/down. In addition, we will be looking at symmetry. They will also learn to interpret and present discrete and continuous data using appropriate graphical methods, including bar charts and time graphs, using a greater range of scales.

Science & Technology

'Sound': Children will learn that sounds are made when objects vibrate and that sounds travel through solids, liquids and gases. Children investigate how sound travels through different materials and discover how instruments make sounds learning how to change pitch and tone.

Time & Place

The children will be studying the geography of Spain, its major cities, cultural traditions and customs and beliefs of its regions. They will also study Spain in its historical context exploring famous Spanish people who have helped to shape its history and culture both past and present.

Citizenship & Ethics

In our topic we are studying charities and poverty.

Physical & Emotional Health (PE & Games)

Dance – The children will learn Spanish Dance with particular reference to Flamenco from the Southern regions of Spain.

Outdoor PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday morning and taken home on a Friday afternoon. Children should also ensure they always have a black T-shirt and black shorts for performances.

Arts & Creativity

Art – The children will be studying the drawing of buildings with understanding of linear perspective. In art linked to Place and Time they will explore Salvador Dali, his art and architecture.

Music – Exploring music from other cultures with different rhythms, beats and pitches linked to Spanish Dance.

Faith & Belief

Christianity (Easter)- Is forgiveness always possible? Do religious people lead better lives? Do all religious beliefs influence people to behave well towards others?

Homework

Literacy and mathematics homework will both be handed out every Thursday and Friday and your child should spend a minimum of 20 minutes on each piece. Your child will also continue to receive spellings to learn on a Thursday and these will be tested the following week. Spelling Stars, reading and times tables should continue to be learnt on a daily basis. Please ensure that you sign and date your child's Reading Record as well as asking them questions about the text they are reading. As part of Place and Time units of work research homework will be given out on Tuesdays.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Lucas and Mrs Clark