



Dear Parents/Caregivers

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

Language, Oracy & Literacy

This term children will be writing a book review on their most recent favourite book. During book week the children will be researching the features of recipes and then writing their own and then recording it using the iPads. Our class reader this term is *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo. The moral dilemmas faced by the characters in this book will stimulate the children to write a text demonstrating both sides of an argument. Children will continue to learn Mandarin as an additional language.

They will learn to use the possessive apostrophe and revise the use of 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

This term we will be studying sound. The children will learn that sounds are made when objects vibrate and that sounds travel through solids, liquids and gases. Children will 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 Hampton Court Palace, its history and architecture with associated figures such as Cardinal Wolsey and Sir Christopher Wren. They will also compare two palaces, a Tudor Palace and a Baroque Palace.

Citizenship & Ethics

In our topic we are studying charities and poverty. We will look closely at the efforts of Comic Relief as well as other charities focusing on improving poverty locally, in the UK and across the world.

Physical & Emotional Health (PE & Games)

Dance – In preparation for Arts and Culture week, the children will take part the choreography of a contemporary style class dance based on Egypt.

We will also be learning tennis with Progressive Sports on a Wednesday afternoon..

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 design costumes for residents at Hampton Court Palace that reflect their rank, role and place in the hierarchy of the time.

Music – Children will be exploring the song 'Lean on Me', the musical genre and structure of the song.

Faith & Belief

This term we are looking at Christianity, and in particular focusing on the Easter story. We will be asking some big questions such as; 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 Wednesday 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.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Denham