



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Happy New Year and welcome to Term 3 of this Academic year. Below is an overview for this forthcoming term.

Language, Oracy & Literacy

Children will be writing a biographical style text on one of our chosen mathematicians for Maths Week. This will be linked to ICT, where they will use Explain Everything to present their research. The class reader this term is *The Ice Palace* by Robert Swindell. The children will develop their descriptive and figurative writing by using the author's writing style as inspiration. They will then write their own adventure story and also a review of our class assembly.

Mathematics

Children will continue to learn and practise their fluency in times tables.

Counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9 25, and 1000. Counting backwards through zero to include negative numbers. Addition and subtraction of large numbers using both mental and written methods.

Multiplication and Division using factor pairs and commutative law.

We will be solving one-step and two-step problems involving whole numbers and decimals; counting from any given number in whole-number and decimal steps, extending beyond zero when counting backwards; We will also be revising properties of rectangles, triangles, regular polygons and 3-D solids, and using our knowledge of properties to draw 2-D shapes and identify and draw nets of 3-D shapes. Exploring the relationship between fractions and decimals.

Useful websites: <http://www.mathszone.co.uk/>

Science & Technology

'Circuits and Conductors' – children will establish what is meant by an electrical circuit as well as familiarise themselves with the vocabulary associated with circuits and be able to describe an electrical insulator and an electrical conductor.

Time & Place

The children will learn about the Battle of Bosworth, (War of The Roses) Richard III, Henry the IV and 100 Year Tudor reign. They will research the Kings and Queens, developing a timeline and learn about the wives of Henry VIII.

Physical & Emotional Health (PE & Games)

Dance – The children will learn how to bring together individual and group action gestures and motifs creating a class dance based on harmony and symmetry. This will be performed at the Maidenhead and Windsor School's Dance Festival.

Games – This term, the children will be playing hockey. They will require indoor and outdoor PE kits, as well as black T-shirts and shorts for Dance.

Arts & Creativity

In Art, children will be using polystyrene blocks to create printing blocks. They will study the 16th century artist Hans Holbein.

In Music, we are singing songs as part of an ensemble with confidence and precision. This will be performed in our assembly.

Mandarin

Children will be continuing their studies of China and the Mandarin language.

Citizenship & Ethics

What does equality mean? The children will be studying 'Gender stereotyping'. How in occupations, sports, men and women's salaries can differ and about how men/women's roles have changed over time.

Faith & Belief

Children will be learning about Judaism. The theme this term will be -Passover and how important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?

Homework

Maths - weekly

My Maths

Maths - daily

Practice of x tables and competencies

Spelling

Monday

Reading -weekly

Comprehension – sometimes to include research linked to Time and Place topic

Reading – daily

Reading 20 to 30 minutes to an adult with difficult words identified and Reading Record signed

Yours faithfully

Year 4 Team.