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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 1 - 2022



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Key events:

Wednesday 26th January – 4JS class assembly

PE

This half term, our units are:



Dance - The children will be developing their expressive movement skills in a 'Romans' themed dance unit.

Athletics - The children will be further developing their running, throwing and jumping skills.

PE lessons take place twice a week and all children must have their correct PE kit in school. Children can only be excused if they have a letter from home.

Art

The theme for this half term is '**Exploring Texture and Pattern**'.

In this unit, the children will focus on formal elements of art by exploring texture and pattern. They will develop a range of mark-making techniques, making and printing with textured stamps for printing, drawing 'flip' patterns and recreating a famous geometric pattern.

Introduction

To kick-start 2022, we have some exciting units that the children will be covering during this first half of the spring term.

Please read our newsletter to discover the exciting learning opportunities planned for this half term!

The Year 4 teachers are:

Mrs Kelly Brady (Year Group Leader)

Miss Jennifer Smith

Miss Rosy O'Donnell

Miss Emily Bairstow (Trainee teacher in 4KB)

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Caitlin Garner

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Home Learning

Homework: Set fortnightly on Fridays and two weeks to complete. Will consist of spellings, grammar, times tables practice (including TT Rockstars) and consolidation of recent maths learning.

Reading: We encourage a minimum of 20 minutes reading at home every evening. Entries should be written in Reading Records, which will be collected and checked once a week.



Science

This half term, we will be learning about '**States of Matter**'. In this unit, the children will compare and group materials into solids, liquids and gases. They will observe how materials change state when they are heated and cooled and measure the temperature at which changes take place. The children will understand the processes of evaporation and condensation in the context of the water cycle and make links between the rates of evaporation with the change in temperature.



History

This half-term, we will be learning about '**Anglo - Saxons and Scots**'.

In this unit, the children will learn about who invaded Britain after the Romans left, how we know about the Anglo-Saxons and where they came from. They will also find out about their heptarchy, how they lived, what they believed in and notable people such as Alfred the Great.

Geography will be taught again in the second half of the Spring term.



How to support your children at home

- Read with your child at home as much you can.
- Ask questions about their learning and the books that they are reading.
- Go through homework with them.
- Test them on their spellings and times tables to check fluency.



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Reading: the children will read a variety of carefully selected books and texts to focus on the skills of prediction, vocabulary, retrieval, inference and summarising.

Writing:

Non-fiction – informative writing about the Anglo-Saxon treasures discovered at Sutton Hoo.

PSHE

This half term, we will be delivering the Botvin 'LifeSkills' programme (in conjunction with Barnardo's and Waltham Forest Council) – more detailed information about this will follow shortly. The LifeSkills Programme aims to develop children's emotional health and wellbeing and reduce the likelihood that they will participate in dangerous risk-taking behaviours as adolescents or adults.

We also continue to have a worry box in each of our classrooms and remind the children to use it if they need to.

RE



Our key question this half term is:

Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?

This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from Christianity, exploring different reasons why Jesus is considered an inspiring figure by Christians – and by many other people too.

Maths

This half term, we will be covering the following units:



Number: Multiplication and Division

The children will begin this unit learning to multiply and divide by 10, 100, 1 and 0. They will then progress onto multiplying and dividing by 3, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12 using concrete and pictorial methods to solve a range of questions. By the end of the unit, they will be able to solve multiplication and division problems up to and including 3-digits by 1-digit using a variety of methods.

Measurement: Area

The children will be introduced to area for the first time and will learn that area is the amount space is taken up by a 2D shape or surface. Once they understand that area is measured in squares, they use the strategy of counting the number of squares in a shape to measure and compare the areas of rectilinear shapes.

Weekly Schedules:

PE days:

4KB - Monday and Tuesday
4JS - Tuesday and Wednesday
4RO - Wednesday and Thursday

Library visits:

4KB – Every Monday
4JS – Every Tuesday
4RO – Every Wednesday

Final Word / Important Points

- Beginning and end of day arrangements remain the same as before Christmas.
- Please continue to work on times table fluency with your child at home to help prepare them for the MTC.

Computing

Website Design

In this unit, the children will design and create their own websites, considering content and style, as well as understanding the importance of working collaboratively.

MFL (French)



Numbers, calendars and birthdays in French

This half term, the children will be learning numbers 1-31, the days of the week, months of the year, dates and seasons through maths, songs and class surveys. They will also research dates of French festivals and revise the unit by having a traditional French birthday celebration in the classroom.

Music

We are very pleased that we've been able to reintroduce our whole-class brass sessions this year. This half term, 4JS will commence their weekly lessons (which will run until the Easter break) and are sure to enjoy them as much as 4KB did in the autumn term.

The classes not participating in brass this half term will either be learning about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel or learning how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together through the song 'Lean on Me' by Bill Withers.