

Spring 2 News

Hello, we hope you all had good half term. Welcome back and as always we will try and keep parents / carers informed of all the latest developments through the school websites and letters home. Please do not hesitate to come in and discuss any issues you may have.

We welcome any new ideas and initiatives!

Following is a curriculum overview i.e. what will be taught in the year 4 class during this term:

Literacy:

During the first part of this term children will be looking play scripts and studying the ways in which characters behave in different settings. They will be writing and resolving dilemmas, exploring the relationships between characters and planning complete play scripts by identifying the stages in a story.

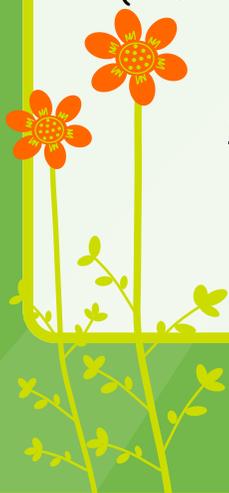
This will be followed by studying the language and structural features of information texts. They will be researching and recording information about a country or a festival and writing an information text about it.

Numeracy:

During this term children can think about an investigation, predict what might happen and decide how they could go about finding information, perhaps by doing a survey or taking measurements. They will learn how to estimate the length of a line in centimetres and millimetres and then measure the line to see how close their estimate was.

Also, they will be working on improving their problem solving skills (one and two step problems) including problems involving measures, time and all four operations.

ALL: children need to work on developing their knowledge of time tables x12 and using this to work out division facts.



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Topic:

Children will be studying the science topic "human impact". They will be studying how the human behaviour can damage / develop their local area and also how humans can change the worlds environment.

Next, children will study in depth the physical and human features of the Caribbean island of St. Lucia. They will be using atlases, Laptops and other secondary sources to research and gather information. They will be taking part in several art and D&T activities, building a raft and exotic fruit tasting.

Circle time: Relationships

This theme explores feelings within the context of our important relationships including family and friends. The theme aims to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: self-awareness, managing feelings and empathy.

In addition, there is a focus throughout the theme on helping children understand the feelings associated with an experience that we all need to cope with at some time: that of loss - whether of a favourite possession, a friend, a family home.

P.E kits:

Year 4 children will be going swimming every Friday morning. They have also been allocated a P.E slot on Monday. I would like to request that all children please come into school on Fridays with their swimming kits.

Reading at home:

Children have been advised to read 5 times a week. This would help the children to improve their comprehension skills.

Home Work:

Children will be given a homework project based on St Lucia. Homework needs to be submitted on time.

Thank you,

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