

Year 4 Spring 2 Newsletter 2019

Please find below a brief outline of the subjects and topics that we will be covering in this term in school.

English

We are learning about traditional tales and rewriting our own twisted versions of them. We also will be turning these stories into play scripts and having a go at acting them out. In addition to this, we will be writing some non-chronological reports about animals, linked to our science topic. Finally, the children will learn a short poem off by heart, recite and perform it.

Maths

This half term the children will be learning a formal written method for multiplication and looking at fractions. As we are following a mastery approach, the children will be encouraged to use concrete apparatus and pictorial representations to support their learning.

Science

Our science topic for this half term is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will be investigating local habitats, looking at branch diagrams to classify animals and the environmental effects on an animal's habitat.

Geography

Our topic this half term is a study of the local area (Biggleswade). We will find local features using Google Maps, looking at the difference between human and physical features, services and jobs that people have.

R.E.

This half term the children will be learning about the deeper meanings of festivals from a range of religions.

Computing

This half term the children will be learning about computing hardware. They will also be learning programming language 'Logo' to create increasingly complex patterns and images.

Art

This half term we will be sketching and painting pictures of insects. We will be continuing to learn how to use different shading techniques and different hardness of pencils.

P.E.

In P.E. the children will be learning how to play score ball and the skills required for an invasion game. They will also be developing their fitness. On Monday afternoons the children will be continuing their P.E. with Premier Sports. They will be doing athletics.

Values/PSHE

The whole school values will be:

March: Happiness

April: Unity

Homework

The children have already been sent home with their Spring 2 homework menu, so hopefully you have seen it already! We would like the children to complete three of these tasks by Monday 1st April. We would also really appreciate you helping your child in these other areas as regularly as you can.

P.E. - It is really important that the children have the correct footwear and clothes for P.E. Please can you make sure that your child has a pair of sports shoes/trainers suitable for wearing during P.E. These should be a different pair to their school shoes. They can still wear their joggers until the Easter break.

Reading - Listen to your child read as often as you can. Discuss the story, characters and meaning of new words. Try to ask them questions about what they have read to check they understand it.

Spellings - These are given and tested weekly. As with reading, little and often is best. Get your child to look at the word, cover it, write and then check it. The attached Year 4 Expected Writing Chart shows you other words they are expected to know that may not occur in their tests.

Times tables - By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. We test them weekly in school and there are a number of ways you can help them learn them - saying them aloud, asking for corresponding division facts and playing a number of games on the internet. 'Hit the Button' is an excellent game where you can focus on specific times tables.

*Thank you for your continued support.
If you ever have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us.*

The Year 4 Team

