



Year 4 Spring 2024

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. Thank you so much for all of the very generous gifts - they were very much appreciated!

In English, we will be starting off looking at settings in familiar narratives with a focus on the Horrid Henry books. Linking to our history unit of work we will then move onto looking at Roman Myths with a focus on effective characterisation.

In Maths, we are starting off by looking at place value, comparing and ordering numbers, counting backwards and forwards and rounding. We will then move onto the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In science, for the first half term we will be looking at sounds. We will identify how sounds are made, recognise that vibrations from sound travel through a medium to the ear, find patterns between the pitch of a sound and the features of the object that produced it, find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it, recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. After February half term, we will look at the digestive system and teeth. We will describe the simple functions of the digestive system in humans and identify the different types of teeth in humans.

We will have two history units this term looking at Romans. We will find out how and why they successfully invaded Britain, find out about what life was like in Roman Britain and who Boudica was. We will then look at Ancient Egypt. We will locate ancient Egypt in time and place, we will look at Tutankhamen, tombs, pyramids and burial sites.

In both units we will look at the importance of artefacts in helping us find out about the past, developing our historical enquiry skills, our historical understanding and chronological understanding.

Other!

PE: This term PE will be taught on a Monday and Wednesday. Please remember to come to school in PE kits on those days (please ensure you have the correct PE kit – making sure jewellery is removed and hair is tied back). The Wednesday lesson will be taught by Mr Smith. On a Monday we will be outside doing handball and on a Wednesday we will be doing gymnastics.

Computing: As well as on-going e-safety, we will be learning about the Data Logging and Audio editing.

Music: We will be looking at Body and tuned percussion with a theme of the Rainforest. We will also be looking at Rock and Roll as a genre.

RE: In the first half term we will be looking at Hindu homes and the Mandir and then why Easter is important.

PSHE: This will be covered in a range of different areas, including: assemblies, discussions in class and PSHE lessons. This term we will be looking at 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'.

Art & DT: We will be starting with an art unit looking at painting and mixed media with a focus on light and dark. We will then move onto DT where we will be looking at cooking and nutrition and will be adapting a recipe.

French: We will be learning about different types of transport and locations in towns.

Weekly timetable

Monday:

- Homework given (spelling words/times tables/weekly optional task)
- PE

Wednesday:

- PE

Thursday:

- Homework in

Friday:

- Spelling/Times tables tests

Reading books need to be in school daily. Please can children read at home every day, for at least 20 minutes.