

A note from Mrs Yoxall

It's hard to believe that we are in the final term, the children have come back from the easter break with a great sense of determination to end year 4 the best way they can, individually and as a team, staying positive and aiming high. I'm really looking forward to teaching these next units of work and know the children will be very excited to get started with them too! Here's to a fabulous summer term in Year 4 😊.

English

This term, we will study playscripts. We will focus on the playscript 'The Fly and The Fool'. We will also read 'Odd and the Frost Giants' by Neil Gaiman, this text will link to our cross-curricular work on The Vikings. Over the term we will write a play script, following script conventions, a piece of persuasive writing, an explanation text, setting description and narrative recount.

We are reading...

Our class reads for this term will be 'The Danger Gang' by Tom Fletcher and 'Odd and the Frost Giants' by Neil Gaiman.

We will also be attempting to fit in 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K Rowling.

Maths

This term in year 4 we are focusing on fractions including hundredths and decimals. In year 4, we will be applying this knowledge to help support us in solving problems involving measurement and money. We will use our knowledge to help us in finding fractions of quantities, equivalent fractions and rounding a decimal to the nearest whole number.

Once we have completed our fraction unit, we will be moving onto statistics, time, mass and capacity.

Science

In science, we will begin the summer term by exploring living things in their habitats, where children will recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. We will also study plants, by identifying and describing the functions of different parts of flowering plants and exploring the part that flowers play in the plant life cycle. Finally, we will move onto animals including humans, where children will identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food. Children will describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system and will explore different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.

History

Our history units will focus on the Anglo-Saxon time period, including The Vikings. We will learn about the events at Lindisfarne and what this tells us about Viking beliefs, comparing this to our Anglo-Saxon knowledge. We will focus on the iconic Viking longship and how its design made it perfect for trading and exploring. In our final unit we will learn about burials and beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians.

Geography

This term in geography, we will investigate why so many people in the world live in megacities.

The children will be able to describe the key features of cities and compare the benefits and disadvantages of city life.

They will be able to explain the distribution of megacities across the continents of the world and why Milton Keynes is the fastest-growing city in the United Kingdom.

Other curriculum information:

Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday and should be returned before the following Friday. The homework will always be linked to something we are studying in class.

Home Reading

Please listen to your child read at least three times per week for 15 minutes and record it in their school diary. Diaries must be signed by an adult after each read and need to be in school every Tuesday to be checked by Miss Duff.

TT Rock stars and Spelling tests.

Children are expected to complete 20 minutes of TT Rockstar games which will be set each week. Spellings will be given out every Tuesday for a spelling test the following Monday and will follow the rule we have been learning in class.

Other curriculum information

Skills Builder- This term, children will develop their 'leadership' and 'problem solving' skills. Our key stage project in June is called 'Number crunching' and will aim to develop the skills of presenting, problem solving and staying positive!

Art and Design- Our art topic is drawing and sculpture where we'll create Viking longships from clay. In DT we will be looking at creating cushions.

Computing – In computing we will explore plugged and unplugged activities to develop the four areas of computational thinking and continue to develop our understanding of internet safety.

PSHE – Our topic this term is 'Living in the wider world' with a focus on rules and laws. We will also focus on sexism, gender and homophobia.

PE- In Y4 PE will be every **Tuesday**. Children should wear their PE kits to school (navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and white t-shirt). We will be developing our athletics skills!

RE – This term, our RE units of work explore the concept of where, how and why do people pray, comparing Christianity to Islam and how faith communities are represented in Wigan.

Music- This term in Year 4 we will be continuing our work with the Music Service but looking at the new instrument of the xylophone and will be putting on a concert at the end of the term.

French- This term the children will focus on French animals, colours and hobbies.

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The website has full information about the school's curriculum, class information, school information and copies of previous letters sent out. Messages will be sent home using Class Dojo so please ask your child's teacher for information on how to join up if you haven't already.