



Spring

YEAR 4

NEWSLETTER

Please find below details about the areas of study for this term. This is intended as a guide for anything you may want to do at home that could usefully link to the curriculum your children will be studying.

CORE SUBJECTS

Maths

This term, we will be exploring formal methods of multiplication and division. We will also be looking at perimeter of shapes and how to calculate these.

In the second half of the term, our focus will be on fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions. We will also be exploring how to represent tenths and hundredths as decimals

The children will all be completing the statutory multiplication check in June. To help prepare, they will be having weekly checks to assess their progress.

Please keep practising times tables to support your child's understanding of multiplication and division. We have Timestables Rockstars available for them to use too—daily please!

English

Our focus for the start of term will be the book 'The Whale' and exploring how to use skills to write more complex sentences for our stories based on an image alone.

We will also be looking at non-fiction texts linked to Shackleton and Deforestation, as well as studying 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

To support your child at home you could share different types of texts and discuss how they are different. Supporting them to understand the terminology and clarify any misunderstandings will aid progress.

Spellings this first half term will consolidate learning from Year 3.

Science

In the first half term, our topic is Sound. We will be looking at how we hear noise and be planning an experiment to explore this.

We will also be learning more about data collection.

After half term, we will be looking at Electricity and Circuits.

Through both topics we will be working scientifically by recording our observations and carrying out fair tests.

Computing

We will be continuing to look at our topic of 'We are Software Developers' this term. We will be looking at more complex coding and creating our own educational games.

We will also be looking further at our Online safety, and how we can keep ourselves safe online.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

French

In French this term, we will be learning about food and learning how to pose and answer questions linked to this.

We will also learn how to use 'I like...' as a sentence starter.

RE

In the Autumn Term, the children will be focusing on Gospel. We will be exploring what a parable is, focusing on the Good Samaritan, as well as looking at the Easter story in more detail and what faith means to Christians today.

Music

This term in music, our focus will be on our Year 3/4 production which will take place at the end of term. We will be learning the songs for our production alongside the skills needed for a performance.

Geography

In Geography, we will be looking at Rainforests and their impact on the world. After half term, we will be looking in greater detail at the Amazon Rainforest and why it is so important for us all.

Art & DT

This term, the children will have the opportunity to take part in cooking classes. This will be done in two groups, some children before half term and the other half after.

In art, our focus is on our painting skills and how to paint using light and dark tones.