

Year 4 - Summer Term 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

In English this term we will focus on a variety of genres which will include stories that raise issues. There are two particular books which we will concentrate on and they are *Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf* by David Almond and *Angel of Nitshill* by Anne Fine.

<http://www.annefine.co.uk/books/angel.php>

<http://www.davidalmond.com/>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

Maths topics this term will include addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals, symmetry and translations, position and directions and measurements. Each week we will have a times tables focus for the week. There will be a test on Friday to assess what they have learnt as well as a pre assessment test for the next week. Their focus for the week commencing will be written in their homework diary. Please practice the times table with your child throughout the week.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://www.purplemash.com/site#tab/themes/mathssubject>

This term our Geography topic is Rivers and Mountains. We will be comparing physical and human geography: The rivers Mississippi, Nile and Thames and the mountain ranges of the Rockies and the Grampians.

<http://slideplayer.com/slide/6002148/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2XyUbv-ms4>

Our Science topics this term include classifying living things, food chains (linked with North America animal/plant life). The digestive system and teeth. The Thames Explore visit will also cover habitats, food chains and adaptation.

<http://www.purplemash.com/site#tab/themes/sciencesubject/animals>

<http://www.thames-explorer.org.uk/>

In DT, we will be completing a food technology unit and to compliment this we will be making American brownies which we hope to use to compliment an Independence Day celebration.

Our R.E. topic is the first half of the summer term will continue to be Christianity covering the role of the church at school and the community. In Summer 2, we will be studying challenging attitudes relating to our environment.

Art this term will focus on Abstract Landscapes but will include a study of American abstract artists James Homer Brown and a comparison with John Constable.

<http://james-homer-brown.com/>

<http://www.john-constable.org/>

<http://www.neworleansonline.com/>

In I.C.T we will be exploring how to produce digital music and produce a wiki.

<http://www.purplemash.com/#app/tools/2seq>

Our P.E. this term includes swimming, outdoor athletics and striking and fielding. P.E. will continue to take place on Wednesday with swimming on Thursday afternoon. It would be a great help if PE kits could remain in school all week so that we can take the opportunity to make the most of any good weather we might have and use the film on other days should we be able to. Please try to ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and P.E. kit and make sure that items of clothing are named. Also please let your class representative know if you are able to help with swimming for an hour.

We will continue with ukuleles with Miss Whinnom every Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their ukulele with them for this lesson. At the end of the term there will be a concert to showcase what the children have learnt.

Homework will again be given out on a Thursday, and should be returned the following Tuesday. We will continue to alternate maths, grammar and comprehension. If your child has difficulty with the homework over the weekend, there is a lunchtime homework club on Monday that will be able to provide assistance.

As we enter the summer term, with warmer weather please make sure your child has a water bottle, a hat and if necessary, sun cream.

Best wishes,
Miss Swainson and Miss Robinson