

Year 4 - Summer Term 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

In English this term we will focus on a variety of genres including persuasion, non fiction texts and poetry. Some of the books we will be studying will be *Leon and the Place Between* and *Bird, Snake, Wolf* by David Almond. There will also be a poetry week to look forward to.

Maths topics this term will include a revision of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, symmetry and measurements. We will be learning in the next couple of weeks about time, a topic that many children struggle with. Please support your child at home and encourage them to tell the time as much as possible.

As you may be aware, there is a multiplication assessment at the end of year 4 where children will have a timed multiplication test on each times table up to 12. They will be expected to answer it in around 5 seconds. Their multiplication facts have dramatically improved due to constant practice and we appreciate all the effort you have put in. We ask you to continue to encourage children to learn and revise their tables.

<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. We will also be looking into making a mechanical poster.

<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 Wednesday morning. 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,

Mrs Seward, Mrs Goulden and Mr Andreotti