

OVERVIEW OF THE CURRICULUM FOR TERMS 3 AND 4 2019

Year 4

We have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children so far and are looking forward to continuing to provide fun and engaging learning opportunities.



Numeracy

In Term 3 students will be carrying on with developing their skills in multiplication and the corresponding division facts. We will also be working on multiplying 3 numbers, finding factor pairs, efficient multiplication, written methods, multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers by one and solve correspondence problems. In Term 4 we will be looking at area, fractions and decimals.



Literacy

In Term 3, the focus will be on *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. We will be using this text as a platform to study and develop the skills needed to produce different genres of writing such as, leaflets, short stories, scene descriptions and diary entries. We will be consolidating year 3 and 4 spelling, punctuation and grammar objectives. In Term 4 we will be focusing on *How to train your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell which will enable us to make links to our History topic of the Saxons.



Science

In Term 3, students will be studying Electricity. They will identify common appliances that run on electricity. They will construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. They will also identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery. They will recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit. They will recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors. In Term 4, students will be comparing and grouping materials together according to whether they are solids, liquids and gases. They will observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled and measure or research the temperature at which happens in degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$). They will also identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.



History/Geography

In Term 3, we will continue with our Geography topic of rivers before starting on map work with a focus on Europe. This will involve looking at the different continents and key countries and cities within them. We will study both human and physical characteristics of these. As stated earlier, in Term 4, we will be linking our Literacy work with our topic of Saxons in History. We will be having a Saxons day on Tuesday 11th March. As with our earlier Egyptian day, this will be provided by Portals to the Past. Details will follow soon regarding this and how to make a Saxon costume.



In Term 3 we will be studying Judaism and Passover. Children will understand how celebrating Passover and keeping Kashrut (food laws) help Jews show God they value their special relationship with Him. In Term 4, we will be working on Christianity and Easter. Children will learn to understand how Jesus' life, death and resurrection teaches Christians about forgiveness.

Design Technology



In Term 3 children will design, make and evaluate a lighthouse using an electrical circuit. They will also make underwater dioramas in relation to their literacy. In Term 4 children will design, make and evaluate a shield using the influence of Anglo-Saxons armour.



This term the children will be looking at the skills needed for hockey. They will be working in pairs and small groups. Passing, tackling, defending and shooting at the goal will be practised. The children will also have the opportunity to take part in a game. Term 4 will be tag rugby. During this time the focus will be the rules and understanding tag rugby. The correct positioning and passing. All of this work will build towards games.



Music

In their Music lessons, year 4 have been learning the ever popular songs of Young Voices. This year they have enjoyed a selection of well-known songs including a medley of The Greatest Showman and Moana as well as some less well-known songs such as It's a Swing Thing and American Folk Odyssey. In February, many of our children will be performing this repertoire at the O2 Arena as part of the Young Voices choir! Year 4 will then learn about ostinatos by playing examples on tuned percussion. They will then compose their own ostinatos using notes from a pentatonic scale and work as part of a small group to produce an ostinato performance.



Homework

- In term 3, children will be expected to carry out a rivers research project.
- In term 4, homework will go back to being set weekly.
- Homework is set every Monday and due on Fridays. They will have a piece of Literacy or Numeracy work to complete. Spellings and times table tests are also on Fridays.

To help your child at home you can...

- Encourage them to read for 15 minutes, 5 times a week and complete their reading record with their progress. Discuss their reading books and retell the stories.
- Encourage them to practice their spellings and times tables ready for the test on Fridays.