



Year 4 Spring Term

The aim of this newsletter is to tell you a little bit more about what is happening in our class over the next term. We are unable to mention *everything* we will be covering but hopefully you will get a flavour for our curriculum and will be able to talk to your child about their studies.

Maths

- To reinforce and extend knowledge of fractions and decimals
- To reinforce multiplication and division knowledge; focussing on all timetables up to 12.
- To work on addition and subtraction knowledge using both mental and written methods.
- To use units of measure and be able to convert them more fluently.
- Reinforce knowledge of how to represent data in different formats.

English

- To ensure handwriting is clear and legible.
- To look at and create a persuasive piece of writing.
- To use text features to help us improve our writing.
- To use correctly constructed sentences in our writing.
- Poetry.

Science

- To be able to plan an experiment.
- To be able to observe changes.
- To look at living things and their habitats as well as study humans and the food chain.

Topics -What the Romans did for us and St Albans cathedral

During these topics the children will be:

- Developing their chronological understanding of world history.
- Understanding how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
- Recognising similarities and differences between these periods,
- Developing their knowledge and understanding of some of the main events, people and changes studied.
- A trip to St Albans cathedral will take place in the second part of the spring term.

Computing

This term in computing the topic we are focusing on is called *We are Musician*; the children will get the opportunity to produce their own music using technology.

After half term they will become HTML editors. They will learn about the internet and then have the opportunity to design their own webpage.

PSHE / Jigsaw

Our PSHE scheme will run throughout the school on a Friday afternoon, it will focus on mindfulness and will allow the children time to reflect and participate in class discussions. The first topic this term is focussing on dreams and goals and will carry on to a healthy me.

French

This term children will continue to gain confidence throughout their French lessons, they will focus on the story of Cinderella and how to tell it in French as well as looking at healthy eating vocabulary.

They will also benefit from using the online resource www.Languagenut.com (login details below) which includes games to practice vocabulary learnt in class.

Music

This half term the children will continue to learn how to play the violin as a class. The children will this term learn more about using the bow.

PE

The children will have 2 P.E lessons, one on a Thursday afternoon and one on a Wednesday afternoon.

Art and Design Technology

We will be taking part in focus days throughout the term for both art and DT where we will be designing, making and evaluating using different mediums.

Religious Education

We will be focussing on Sikhism this term and asking key questions about this religion.

Activities you can do out of school to support your child

Topic - Help children to do their own research on the Romans. Visit the library and use the internet to find information. A useful website is: <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>

Literacy - Please make sure that you listen to your child read for 5-10 minutes every night. After listening to your child read, question them to make sure they understand what they have read and if possible try to ask questions which require them to read between the lines, for example, ask about a characters feelings or intentions.

Maths - Practice the times tables up to 12x12 on a regular basis at home as it is an important skill and will help them in a range of mathematical situations. A useful website is: <https://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/math-trainer-multiply.html>

If you have access to a computer then please allow your child to spend time on I Am Learning.

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