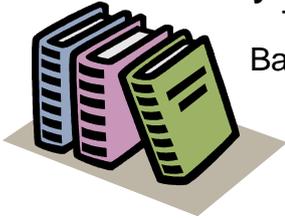


To the parents of children in Year 4

We are really looking forward to the Summer Term when our topic will be 'Gone Coastal' – a study of coasts and coastal features with a particular on the local coastline of Wirral. Below is an overview of the work to be covered by the Year Four children in the coming weeks.

Literacy



The children will learn how to write a discussion text linked to their Barnstondale trip, a non-chronological report linked to coastal features, and a persuasive leaflet on protecting the Wirral coastline.

We will also conduct an author study into Roald Dahl, with our class reading book being 'Matilda'. We will write narrative linked to Charlie and the Chocolate factory.

Word and sentence level work will focus on using complex conjunctions, relative clauses, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

Numeracy

We will continue to work through the "Maths No Problem!" scheme. "Maths No Problem!" has been proven to create understanding at a greater depth and mastery of the subject. This term we will cover:

- Money
- Measures—Mass, volume, length, distance.
- Area and Perimeter.
- Geometry—shape, symmetry.
- Roman Numerals.

Science

In Science we will be studying 'Materials', in particular states of matter – solids, liquids and gases and the water cycle. We will also be learning about habitats.

ICT

In ICT, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of computer coding and programming. The children will also do some sound recording using the easy speak microphones and video recording during our coastal field trip. ICT will also be used to enhance learning across the curriculum - to create branching databases in science and maths, for topic research as well as to aid and encourage reading.



Geography/History

In Geography, the children will name and locate key topographical features of the Wirral coastline, use OS maps (and OS keys) to identify places and features in the local area, learn about erosion and depositional features of coasts and look at the impact of humans on the coastal environment. We will go on a trip around the Wirral coastline and conduct fieldwork to observe and measure the human and physical features of our local coastline.

In history, the children will investigate how land use around the coastline has changed over time in the local area, e.g. Eastham Ferry and Victorian Gardens, New Brighton Tower and Pier, Liverpool and Birkenhead Docks / Cammell Lairds, Wind Farms, etc.

P.E. and Games

This term the children will further develop their athletics skills, including running, jumping and throwing as well as continue to improve their teamwork skills in rounders.

Art

The children will develop their sketching skills with an artist study of Quentin Blake (linking to our Roald Dahl author study in literacy).

DT

In DT the children will create 3D models of Wirral Coastal landmarks and make pop-up greetings cards.

Music

Tempo and beat, volume and pitch will be studied in Year Four and the children will learn about Tim Minchin, who composed the musical 'Matilda'.

R.E.

In R.E. the children will look at 'Special Places' and 'Journeys'.

MFL

This term, the children will continue to learn French, through a variety of language games and activities and will conduct a regional study of Nice.

We hope that you find this information useful. The theme maps, showing the links to the different aspects of the curriculum are available on the school website and displayed in the conservatory.

Yours sincerely,

Miss McNee, Miss Brown and Mrs Hosker

Year 4 Events

Spring Term:
Election Day – 2nd May School closed to children.
Bank Holiday – 6th May School Closed
Sports' Day - 24th May (Reserve date 14 th June)
Year 4 SATs week – 10th June
Coastal Fieldtrip - 18th June
Roald Dahl Day – 16th July