



Year 4 Summer 2019 Curriculum Newsletter

From the Year 4 Teachers

Dear mums, dads and carers

In this *Curriculum Newsletter* you can find out what your children will be learning this term.

Spring term was busy. We spent a lot of time making sure our show, 'Pirates of the Curry Bean', was a success. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Then we built ships in Science Week, we wrote our own Gulliver stories, and in our Brazil topic, we had a cake sale, sponsored a child, and learned about rainforests and favelas.

On **Tuesday 30th April**, we shall visit West Stowe, an Anglo-Saxon village, and our class assemblies follow on **15th May** (4 Aquila) and **5th June** (4 Orion). A fuller diary appears below.

We are encouraging the children to show how they apply our school values through workshops, role-play and a range of creative activities.

If you would like further information about your child's curriculum and learning for this term then please get in touch with us and we will be glad to help,

Mr Robinson (4 Orion teacher) and **Miss Sadaq** (4 Aquila teacher and Year 4 Leader)

- Tuesday 30 April Year 4 Anglo Saxon trip
- Wednesday 15 May 4 Aquila Assembly 9.00am
- Wednesday 5 June 4 Orion Class Assembly 9:00am
- Friday 28 June Year 3-5 reports go home
- Friday 12 July Disco for Years 3-5 (5:00- 6:15pm)
- Monday 15 July Sports day
- Thursday 18 July Year 4 Ukulele Performance (2:15pm)



Core Subjects

English and Literacy

Reading

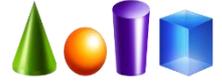
We shall spend some time this term on obtaining facts from non-fiction books and other texts. Most children read regularly at home, and we ask that you listen to your child reading at least three times a week – more is better – and record it in the home school book.

Writing

We shall have a focus on non-fiction writing, writing information and explanation texts linked to our history and science learning. We shall be exploring poetic form and stories from other cultures.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Please support your child in learning their weekly spellings for the test, which will be each Monday, and completing fortnightly grammar homework, which will support our learning in class.

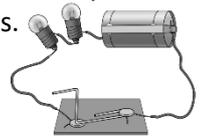


Maths and Numeracy

We shall be emphasising the importance of reasoning skills this term, beginning with problem solving, money problems and converting between measures (for example, litres and millilitres). We shall also be learning about time. Our work on shape will include translation and reflection of 2D shapes and learning about 3D shapes.

Science

Our first topic is the digestive system, starting from the teeth and going downhill. We shall encourage healthy eating for growth, fitness and good teeth. After half term, we shall be learning about electrical circuits.



Foundation Subjects

Topic (History and Geography)

We shall begin with the Anglo-Saxons, learning about how they lived, how their laws worked, and the reasons they came and stayed in Britain. Then we shall learn about the Vikings, seeing them both as invaders and traders.



Art and Design Technology

We shall be continuing our Henri Rousseau artwork and we shall be learning how computers are used in art, especially when creating repeated patterns. Finally, we shall make a torch, linked to our science work.

Henri Rousseau

Computing

We shall be using computers for artwork – see above – and also learning about and contributing to online blogs.

French

We shall be learning the words for family members and then describing some of our favourite sports and pastimes.

Music

In their weekly sessions, the children will continue to enjoy learning the ukulele and singing.

Physical Education and Sport

Our PE this term will be each Tuesday (4 Aquila), Friday (4 Orion) and Thursday (both) and will include an introduction to orienteering, tennis, athletics leading to sports day, and rounders.



Religious Education

We shall be learning about how and why people try to make the world a better place and how is faith in expressed in Sikh communities and traditions.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

Our topics this term are healthy eating – linked to science – and staying safe in Luton, which will help the children to evaluate and reduce risks both in and out of school.



Homework

Alternate Maths and English tasks will be set each Wednesday and should be returned by the following Monday. Spelling will be tested each week on Monday. Please also remind your child to learn spellings, practise times tables and read a school book, at least 3 times a week. We will be setting Year 4 an exciting multiplication challenge to help them learn their times tables.