ELMSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



YEAR 4 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – AUTUMN TERM 2019

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English	This term, we will continue to use the 'Write Stuff' approach, using Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' to extend vocabulary, sentence structure and dialogue in our writing. We will also write recipes linked to our Science and DT before moving on to other lesser known stories to broaden our experiences of books.
Maths	We are continuing to teach maths through 'White Rose' and will be starting the year by problem solving involving partitioning and place value. Roman Numerals will be taught and the children will learn the system behind it. We will then move on to addition and subtraction.
Science	This term, our topics are teeth and digestion, learning what happens to our food, types of teeth and names of main organs of the digestive system. After half term, we will move onto electricity, all the time using our investigative skills to answer questions.
Computing	In computing this term, our emphasis is on keeping safe online, how to know when something is real or fake online and who they can talk to for help and guidance. This will include learning about how information you post online can be used by other people, why some people online could pretend to be someone different and the difference between real identity and online identity.
Geography	This term in geography we will be looking at the shape of the different continents, weather patterns around the world (including the water cycle), locating European countries on a map and describing what the physical features are like e.g. mountains, rivers, climate. We will also be comparing quality of life here to that in West African countries where the cocoa bean is produced to make chocolate. From this, we will also explore how the cocoa bean is transported to the UK and Fair Trade.
Art	We will be exploring our art skills this term in a variety of ways from pencil still life drawings to willow printing to creating soap sculptures!
D.T.	To begin with this term, children will taste a variety of biscuits. From this, they will adapt a biscuit recipe to design and make their own unique biscuit, thinking about cost and packaging. We will then move on after half term to designing and making our own torches.
P.E.	We are lucky enough to have specialist teachers teach us Games this term but we will also complete a gymnastics and dance unit, developing our skills from Year 3.
R.E.	To start Year 4, we will be learning about Buddhism and the Noble Eightfold path. We will focus on calmness, well being and meditation including a visit from the local Buddhist Centre. We will also learn about Hinduism and Hindu Gods.
Spanish	We will be developing our Spanish conversational skills by learning how to order from a menu and talking about our family.
P.S.H.E.	To link with our topic, we will be learning about healthy eating, balanced diets and making good food choices. This will accompany regular work on Growth Mindset and our school core values.
Year Trips/ Events	A visitor from the Buddhist Centre Parents' Evening – 22 nd and 24th October Class Assembly Friday 25 th October 2019 2.30pm Non Pupil Days – 29 th November Whole school pantomime trip – 18 th December