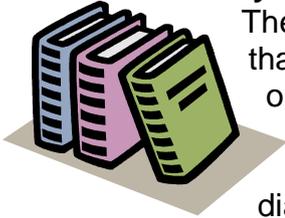


To the parents of children in Year 4

A warm welcome back to the new school year! We hope your child is settling in well. We are really looking forward to the Autumn Term ahead and below is an overview of the work to be covered by the Year Four children in the coming weeks.

Literacy



The children will initially explore descriptive language to create poetry that creates an image. Much of the rest of our literacy will be based on our theme – ‘The Lost City’. We will be looking at the journeys of explorers to Central and South America and this will be the stimulus for a range of writing styles such as setting descriptions, diaries and narratives. The children will also learn how to write newspaper articles. Furthermore, they will conduct research to create information leaflets on the ancient Mayan civilisation. Word and Sentence work will focus on basic punctuation, vocabulary development and the use of connectives.

Numeracy

Following on from Year Three, we will continue to work on 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:

- Numbers to 10,000
- Addition and Subtraction of numbers to 10,000
- Multiplication and Division

Science

In Science, we will be studying ‘humans’, in particular the importance of a healthy diet and the cause and prevention of tooth decay. Both of these topics will be linked to our Mayan and explorers theme. The children will also study sound.



ICT

In ICT, the children will extend their word processing and desktop publishing skills. They will learn how to research efficiently and safely using the internet. In addition, they will use a paint programme to create their own map of a ‘lost city’ and place it onto ‘Google Earth’.

Geography/History

The children will map an ‘explorer’s journey’ across the Atlantic Ocean and into Central and South America. They will learn about Mexico and life in a Mexican village. In addition, they will explore the history of the Maya.

P.E. and Games

This term the children will participate in dance activities, which again will be linked to our theme. They will also develop skills related to gymnastics and also basketball.

Art

The children will develop their artistic skills through the study of portraits – studying the Mexican portrait artist ‘Frida Khalo’ and they will be creating 3D Mayan masks.

DT

In DT we will be making guacamole and salsa and learning to safely handle kitchen equipment.

Music

Tempo and beat, volume and pitch will be studied in Year Four and the children will learn an instrument through the music service’s ‘First Access’ scheme.

R.E.

In R.E. the children will look at Mandalas, Christianity and the Bible, focusing on the importance of shepherds and the angels.

MFL

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

We hope that you find this information useful and that your children enjoy their first term in Year 4. The theme maps, showing the links to the different aspects of the curriculum are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Griffiths and Mr Owen

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Barnstondale meeting for parents – Mon 16th Sept 6:00pm	Charity Week: 27 th Jan	Barnstondale Residential Trip (TBC)
Parents evenings – Tue 15 th , Wed 16 th , Thur 17 th Oct	World Museum Trip: 4 th Feb	Sports Day – Fri 22 nd May
Mayan Workshop – Mon 7 th Oct	4M swimming week: 2nd March	Photographer in – Mon 8 th June
Photographer in School – Tue 22 nd Oct	4G swimming week: 9 th March	Summer Serenade – 18 th June
M & M Theatre – Wed 26 th Nov	Parent’s Evening: Tue 24 th , Wed 25 th , Thur 26 th March	Summer Fair – Sat 20 th June
Christmas Fair – Fri 6 th Dec	Egyptian Day: Mon 30 th March	Roald Dahl Day – 7 th July
Mexican Day – Mon 2 nd Dec		Coastal Trip (TBC)
Panto – Tue 10 th , Wed 11 th , Thur 12 th Dec		
Carol Service – Carol Service 16 th Dec		