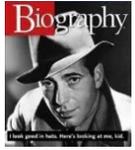


Welcome back. Hope that you have all had a fabulous Easter break and had lots of fun family time. We do hope that you are now ready for the exciting summer term ahead! We have a lot to look forward too!



Literacy

During this first half term, Years 3 and 4 will be writing an autobiography. Some of the children may have gathered information in the Easter holidays to help them with this. We will then go on to looking at Autobiographies, whereby the children will have to write about their own life and what they have achieved so far. Lots of cross-curricular links will also be happening in writing with other subjects. We will be using the Talk for Writing approach in our work. We will also be carrying out lots of comprehension activities throughout the term.

Please continue to read the exciting new reading scheme books at home, asking your child questions about the texts. This has proven to be a valuable and worthwhile task so please continue to support us at home!

Numeracy



Children in Year 3 will be re-capping on all their maths work this term. The children have learnt lots already about different concepts in maths and now we will be looking at each of these in a greater depth, identifying misconceptions. In Year 4 the children will be developing their understanding of division, decimals and fractions in their number work. The concept of time will form part of the children's work in measures as well as continuing to develop their knowledge of metric measures. There will also be a focus on multiplication tables.

Practical maths is a key part of our curriculum and so all children will get to use practical maths in their everyday learning. Children will be asked to learn their Times Tables weekly, using Rock Stars Time Tables. **Please encourage children to continue to learn their multiplication tables and use Rock Star Superstars for their weekly tests.**

Design and Technology:

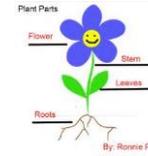
Year 3 will be making screening blocks as part of their plant art work this next half term. The children will be making plants using recyclable material. In the second half of the term the Year 4 children will be undertaking some textile work based on the theme of fish.

Art:

The Year 3 children will carry out observational drawings outside of plants, going on to make collages of them using various materials. Year 4 will need an empty jam jar as they will be linking their art to the theme of electricity, so be prepared for some 'shocking work'



Science: Animals and Living Things



Children will learn about Plants in Year 3. They will learn what the different parts of a plant and flower are called and what they are needed for. They will learn about the life cycle of a plant and what happens. In Year 4 the children will be learning about electricity. This will cover creating simple circuits and exploring the use of switches and electrical conductors and insulators. There will be lots of practical investigations as well as leaning about how to be safe near electricity in the home and outside.

Geography/ History:



Our topic is science based this half a term. Year 3 children are carrying out work all about plants. They will be exploring where different plants come from and why certain plants and flowers can only live in certain countries. In Year 4 the children will be working on mapping skills, these will tie in with work based in the second half of the term.

ICT:



The Year 3 children will become communicators. They will learn about a number of e-safety matters in a positive way. Year 4 will be looking at blogging. They will consider its uses and how many people use it to record the events of their lives or their thoughts. The children will be taught the safety implications of blogging. All of their blogs will be internal; they will not go live on the web.

RE: Jesus, an inspirational leader

Year 3 will learn about Jesus and why he is so important to people. They will learn some of the Bible stories that show Jesus as an inspiration. Year 4 the theme is Peace. The children will consider the meaning of peace for religious and non-religious people and themselves.



Music:

The children will carry out work on the Charanga scheme of work on 'Three Little Birds', which is all about listening to various pieces of music and then appraising them and performing them. Year 4 Charanga theme is Lean on Me. The learning is focused around the interrelated dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.).



P.E.

Games and PE lessons will be on Monday and Friday for year 3 and Monday (swimming) and Thursday for Year 4. Please make sure you have the correct kit for both indoor and outdoor lessons. The Year 4 children will be playing Hockey and must have shin pads. If the children do not have their PE kits, letters will be sent home. The children will be learning various outdoor sports, including athletics ready for Sports Day.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education):

In PSHE, we will be using the Apples Friends Material. Mr Currell will continue to teach the children's PSHE sessions each week.

Guided Reading and Spellings:

The children will be taking part in guided reading sessions, through our literacy daily lessons. Comprehension activities will be carried out at least once a week. Children will continue to be given 10 spellings to learn weekly. These spellings will then be tested on a Wednesday. Please continue to help your child to Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check. Children will have to write 6 of these spellings into a sentence.

Homework:

The children will be given a set piece of homework each Wednesday to take home and complete. This homework will then be due in on the following Monday. Homework will be based on what the child has been learning in school that week and it may be Literacy, Numeracy or Topic based. Please encourage your children to take the time to carry out high quality homework that is completed by themselves. I want to know what your child can do. If they do struggle and you find that you also are having trouble with the homework please do arrange to come in and speak with your child's teacher. Children will also be asked to complete weekly Reading, Spelling and Rock Star Times Tables homework.

How can you help at home?

RM Easi Maths
Rock Stars Times Tables
Regular reading, asking questions
DB Primary
Purple Mash

Years 3 and 4



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Science based topic:
Plants and
Electricity