



Year 4 Summer Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

In this *Curriculum Newsletter* you can find out what your children will be learning this term, between now and the end of the school year.

Spring term was busy. We spent a lot of time making sure our show, 'Olivia', was a success. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Then we built bridges in science week, we wrote to Malala Yousafzai, who inspired us in RE week, and in our Brazil topic we learned about rainforests and favelas.

On Tuesday 24th April, we shall visit West Stowe, an Anglo-Saxon village, and our class assemblies follow on 25th April (Aquila) and 9th May (Orion). A fuller diary appears below.

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 Mr Llewelyn (4 Aquila teacher)

Monday 23 April	St Georges Day – scouts/brigade uniforms may be worn
Tuesday 24 April	Year 4 Anglo Saxon trip (£12.70)
Wednesday 25 April	4 Aquila Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 9 May	4 Orion Assembly 9:00am
Friday 18 May	Special Royal Wedding lunch
Monday 4 – Friday 8 June	RE Week
Friday 8 June	Non-uniform – in exchange for donation of gifts suitable for adult male
Wednesday 13 June	Class photographs – full uniform required
Thursday 14 June	Sale of wrapped gifts suitable for Fathers Day on 17 June [£2.00/£5.00]
Friday 22 June	Luton Singing Spectacular (Choir)
Friday 29 June	Year 3-5 reports go home
Wednesday 4 July	Optional parents consultation evening for all years (3:45-7:00pm)
Tuesday 10 July	Sports Day
Friday 13 July	Disco for Years 3-5 (5:00- 6:15p.m.)
Friday 20 July	Last day of term (<i>Junior school open but infants school closed</i>)

We are planning a Year 4 trip later in the term. A letter will have more details about this event when it is confirmed.

Core Subjects

English and Literacy

Reading

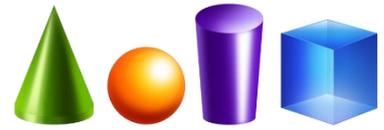
We shall spend some time this term on obtaining facts from non-fiction books and other texts. Most children read regularly at home, and we ask that you listen to your child reading at least three times a week – more is better – and record it in the home school book. World Book Day encouraged parents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

Writing

We shall have a focus on non-fiction writing, writing a recount linked to the show and information and explanation texts linked to our history and science learning. We shall be exploring poetic form, and writing dilemma stories.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

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

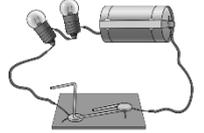


Maths and Numeracy

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 return to fractions, this 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 their reasons for coming to and staying in Britain. Then we shall learn about the Vikings, seeing them both as invaders and traders.

Art and Design Technology

Our Henri Rousseau work was supported by an art teaching student, who will be returning to help us to assemble our painted elements into one large art work. We shall be learning how computers are used in art, especially when creating repeated patterns. We promised a pop-up café last term, and this has been held over to this term. Finally, we shall make a torch, linked to our science work.

Computing

We shall be using computers for Art work – 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

The children will continue to enjoy the ukulele and singing in their weekly sessions.

Physical Education and Sport

Our PE this term will be each Tuesday and Thursday and will include an introduction to orienteering, tennis, athletics leading to sports day, and rounders.



Religious Education

Our RE this term will include investigating sacred places.

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

Homework is set on Friday and is due in on Wednesday. Please help your child to complete homework and hand it on time. If it is too difficult, your child needs to let us know so that we can organise help.

