

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 looking at narrative writing with a focus on stories from different cultures around different countries. Later in the term, the children will work on explanation texts based on our exciting (to be announced later) whole school focus in the latter part of the summer term. The children will also study arguments, where they will consider differing viewpoints and take part in a simple debate.

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 developing their knowledge of mathematical concepts, including fractions, multiplication and division, and measurements of weight. We are looking forward to bringing our maths outdoors and using our new playground markings to investigate number facts and solve problems.

In Year 4 the children will be developing their understanding of division, measures and coordinates. The concept of measures will develop their understanding of the 24 hour clock and problem solving using metric measures. There will also be a continued focus on multiplication tables in order to maintain their progress.

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...Year 4 children will be completing the final stages of their wooden siege machines, improving their use of tools and woodworking skills. In the second half of the term, they will be undertaking textile work based on the theme of animals.

Art:

The Year 3 children will look at collaging, using different colours from a variety of sources to build up textures and patterns in artworks. In Year 4 the focus of the topic work (Where in the World) will be used to develop pieces of artwork inspired by other world cultures. This will include the use of print making and textiles.



Science: Year 3's Science topics for the Summer terms are 'Plants' and 'Animals'. We will investigate parts of a plant, how they fit within our ecosystem and observe their growth. We will then look at animal skeletons and muscles, and how they fit within their respective habitats. 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. In the second, half of the term will study 'Animals, including humans'

Which will include the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. As well as identifying the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions and constructing and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey

Geography/ History:



Our topic is entitled 'Where in the World'. This is a study of the different geographical features of certain countries and continents around the world. It will involve the study and interpretation of maps, with the children developing their own map-making skills. In addition, the children will be studying the human and topographical features of the counties and cities of the United Kingdom.

ICT:



The Year 3 children will learn about the Internet – How does it work? How do we use it? How can we keep ourselves safe? All these questions and more will be answered!

Year 4 will be looking at creating wikis (a website or database developed collaboratively by a community of users, allowing any user to add and edit content.) based on their geographical work about the United Kingdom.

RE

Year 3 will explore Spiritual Art from different faiths and how people can find peace through expression. They will also explore things that people do to show that they care.



Year 4 the theme is Peace. The children will be considering what peace means to themselves as well as to others. They will find out about the actions and beliefs of individuals such as Nelson Mandela and

Mahatma Gandhi.

Music:

The children will carry out work on the Charanga schemes of work.

The Year 3 theme is 'Bringing Us Together' by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman and the Year 4 Charanga theme is 'Lean On Me' by Bill Withers.



P.E.

Games and PE lessons will be on Monday and Wednesday for Year 3, Monday, and Thursday for Year 4 (swimming). Please make sure you have the correct kit for both indoor and outdoor lessons, including socks for children who might be wearing tights. This term 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' scheme of work.

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 work on spelling the targeted words for Years 3 and 4. Please continue to help your child to Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check the words that they need to learn after being assessed at the beginning of the term.

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. We 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

Where in the World...? Years 3 and 4



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