

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’. The book titled ‘The Chocolate Tree’ and the journeys of explorers to Central and South America, 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 conjunctions.

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 striking and fielding and invasion games

Art

The children will develop their artistic skills through the study of portraits – studying the Mexican portrait artist ‘Frida Khalo’. They will also be making a 3D Mayan mask.

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 Christianity and the Bible, focusing on the importance of shepherds and the angels.

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,

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