



Year 3/4 Newsletter Summer Term 1



The Year 3/4 Teaching Team

Class 4



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English

This half-term we are linking our writing to our topic and using the book 'France' by Anita Ganeri to learn more about one of our closest neighbours. We will be exploring in detail French culture including food and drink, sports, and attractions. Using the research we collect, we will be writing our own non-chronological reports about France. We will also be using 'The Flying Dutchman' by Megan Peterson to learn about traditional tales from other countries before writing our own versions.

Maths

Over the coming weeks, Year 3 pupils will finish learning fractions which includes unit and non-unit fractions, learning to order and compare them as well as finding equivalent fractions. Then pupils will learn how to tell the time to the nearest minute using analogue clocks. Year 4 will also complete their learning on fractions and decimals. They will then apply this knowledge of decimals to money by converting pounds to pence. Finally, children will learn about both analogue and digital time.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read their school reading book out loud to an adult at least three times a week at home, for at least 15 minutes each time and record it in your child's reading diary.

Please support your child's understanding of the text by asking questions about what they've read.



Topic - Europe - History and Geography

Our new topic is Europe! We will use atlases, maps and digital mapping to locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe, concentrating on environmental regions and key physical and human characteristics, and major cities. We will describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: rivers and mountain ranges, types of settlements and land use.

Science

This half-term we are learning about living things and their habitats. As part of our work we will learn to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. In order to do this, we will be exploring and using classification keys accurately to help us group, identify and name a variety of living things in our local and wider environment. We will also learn that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. Throughout the half-term we will be working scientifically by gathering and recording findings, such as animals found in our school environment, using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts and then using this information to classify and present data in a variety of ways to help us answer questions.

Computing

This half-term our work is all about information technology where we will learn how to use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked. Then, we will record the relevant information to our search and present it using a computer software programme such as powerpoint or publisher.

Art

We will be learning about impressionists by exploring the work of Mary Cassatt, Berthe Morisot, Paul Gauguin. We'll be using varied brush techniques to create shapes, textures and patterns.

PE

On Tuesdays, we will be learning about net and wall games, focusing on tennis through learning different shots. Year 3 are learning about invasion games through football on Wednesdays whilst Year 4 pupils continue their swimming sessions.

MFL - French

Our French topic is 'Time' where we will learn how to say the time in French. As part of our work, we will carefully read and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing and demonstrate an understanding of basic French grammar.

PSHE

Year 3: Health and Wellbeing - being healthy. Our key question is 'Why should we eat well and look after our teeth?'
Year 4: Living in the Wider World - caring. Our key question is 'How can our choices make a difference to others?'

DT and Food Tech

In woodwork, pupils will be creating their picture frames using pieces of wood. As well as designing and evaluating them, we will work on our technical skills with tools. In Food Tech, we're researching European recipes then creating a continental three course meal.

RE

We are learning about Sikhism where we will learn why Gurus are at the heart of the religion.

Forest School

We'll be exploring our Forest School area with child led learning focusing on tools.

Music

We are learning to play tuned percussion pieces and the ukulele.

Important Dates...

- 19.4.23/20.4.23 - Trips to Grasslands Farm - (Year 3 19.4.23) (Year 4 20.4.23)
- 4.5.23 - Parent Workshop (2:30pm) - a notification with further information has been sent via the app.
- 26.5.23 - Training Day - School Closed to pupils

