

Half Term Curriculum Overview

Year 4 Spring 1 2018 - 2019

English

This half term we will be using Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo as our book stimulus, linking with our history topic, in order to create narratives based in a historical setting, news reports and non-chronological reports about WW2.



Physical Education

Outdoor Adventurous Activities -Your child will need a navy/ black tracksuit, white/ blue t-shirt and trainers

Swimming - Thursday mornings. Please send your child with a suitable swimwear and a towel.

Computing

Every half term your child will have at least one E-Safety session to ensure they understand how to use technology correctly and behave responsibly. Through Information Literacy your child will be taught how to use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked and be discerning in evaluating digital content.

Science, History, Geography, Art and D&T

History

A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 and Study of an aspect or theme in British history - a significant turning point - World War II & Battle of Britain, which will link with a book stimulus Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo.

Geography

Within the topic of WW2, we will be looking at the countries involved and through this we will develop our World map skills; thinking about the equator, hemispheres and location of the world's countries.

Year 3 and 4 will be taking part in a carousel of curricular activities on Friday afternoons.
4H will be learning about strengthening structures as they build mini-greenhouses in DT.
4P will be focusing on journeys in Art inspired by Aboriginal art and Paul Klee's work.

Music

This half- term we will be looking at music from the decades. As part of this we are focusing on the bands Queen and Abba.

Mathematics

During this half term, we will be looking in detail at the following curricular areas:

Multiplication and division

- recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12
- use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying by 0 and 1; dividing by 1
- multiplying together three numbers
- recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations
- multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout
- solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by one digit

Area

- find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares

Fractions

- recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions
- count up and down in hundredths; recognise that hundredths arise when dividing an object by one hundred and dividing tenths by ten.
- add and subtract fractions with the same denominator

KIRFs (key instant recall facts)

To further develop your child mental arithmetic, we will be using KIRFs within lesson. Please support your child with the learning of KIRFs at home.

PSHCE and RE

In religious education we will be looking at 'Journeys', focussing on Hindu, Islam and Christian journeys. PSHCE - we are focusing on relationships; respect, honesty, appropriate relationships and attitudes.

Other information

- **Spellings:** Your child is tested on their current word mountain every Thursday. Please ensure that they are learning their spellings at home and as a further challenge you can have them apply the word in a sentence to deepen their understanding of the words meaning.
- **Reading:** Please read with your child as often as possible. Daily reading has huge benefits to their ability to recognise words and read fluently. We try to read with the children as often as possible in the classroom and any reading at home would greatly benefit their progress. After reading the book together ask them questions based around the text to help them further understand what they have read.
- **Homework:** Homework is given out on a Friday and is due back the following Tuesday. The homework given is based on your child's learning from that week and will normally be either a Maths, English or Topic based activity.