

Curriculum Overview for Year 4 - Spring Term 2018

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year! We hope that your Christmas break was relaxing and enjoyable. We are very much looking forward to a jam-packed term full of fun and learning in Year 4, where the children will have many opportunities to learn and to experience new challenges and opportunities.

As always, if you wish to speak to any of the Year 4 team, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange a meeting, or please feel free to speak to us on the playground at the end of the school day. Here's to a great 2018!

Literacy

SPEAKING and LISTENING: Discussions will be based around our topic of 'Living in the Community' where the children will develop their confidence in active listening and contributing in class.



READING: The children will participate in a variety of shared and guided reading activities to further their comprehension skills. Reading will include fiction, non-fiction and poetry

WRITING: There will be a weekly extended writing session where the children will be able to develop their writing skills. We are beginning with a module based on the FANTASTICS looking at the picture book 'Float' before turning our attention to another book, 'The Lost Thing' where the children will be extending their writing skills. After half-term, we will be linking out Literacy to our topic on the local area when we look at studying Shakespeare with 'The Tempest'.

Grammar and spelling objectives will also be a focus during the term in all our lessons and there will continue to be a weekly spelling test based on the Year 3/4 spellings.

Numeracy

The Numeracy Curriculum will be used to extend children's knowledge, understanding and application in these areas:

NUMBER: Children will continue to learn their times tables up to and including 12x12. The children will continue to develop their skills in the four operations to calculate a variety of problems. We will also continue to work on fractions and their decimal equivalents.

MEASURES: Children will learn to calculate area and perimeter as well as converting between different units of measure.

GEOMETRY: We will be learning to compare and classify 2D and 3D shapes as well as identifying lines of symmetry in shapes and learning about angles.

STATISTICS: The children will present data using appropriate graphical methods along with interpreting data.

Science

States of Matter: The children will explore a variety of everyday materials and develop simple descriptions of the states of matter (solids, liquids and gases). The children will understand how they change from one state to another.

Sounds: The children will explore and identify the way sound is made through vibration.

Information Technology

We will continue with programming using Scratch as well as using the computers to support other areas of the curriculum.

The children will be learning about how to keep themselves safe on the computer.



History & Geography

Our topic for this term focuses on 'Living in the Community'. The children will be learning about the different communities they are linked with both in the UK and further afield, including our link school in Bo in Sierra Leone. We will be learning about everyday life in Bo and comparing and contrasting it with life at All Saints and in Warwick and Stratford.

Religious Education

'Caring for others': We will explore how Sikhs and Christians care for their communities by looking at the Sikh concept of 'sewa' and by visiting the Salvation Army church in Leamington. We are also visiting the Gurdwara temple, also based in Leamington.

Easter: We will be learning about the Easter Story in depth.



Art

We will be researching one of the most iconic artists of all time with this 'Warhol and the Pop Art Movement' scheme of work. We will explore what constitutes art and why people's opinions on what art is differ, before delving into the Pop art movement, investigating a variety of works by Warhol and other Pop art artists.



Music

We will be using the programme 'Charanga' to learn about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel.



French

The children will be continuing to learn basic phrases and greetings to communicate with one another following the programme Rigolo.



Personal Social and Health Education

Keeping Safe: The children will be learning about how to identify risk and to learn about their personal support networks.

Drugs: The children will learn about the different use of drugs, including the essential use of medicines and the influence of friends and others.

Physical Education

Dodgeball: We will be learning the skills of dodgeball, including throwing and catching and learning how to play as a team.

Swimming: The children will be attending swimming lessons every Friday morning for the duration of this term at St. Nicholas Leisure Centre in Warwick.

Miss Lampard & Mr Jacobs



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