

Curriculum Overview for Year 4 - Spring Term 2017

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. We have started our Accelerated Reader programme and are very much looking forward to seeing how the children develop in their literacy skills. A reminder that reading diaries still need to be signed three times a week and are due in every Friday morning.

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 2017!

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 will be studying different genres of texts from instructions, poetry and non-chronological texts as well as looking at our new text, 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom'.

Grammar and spelling objectives will also be a focus during the term in all our lessons.

Numeracy

The New 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.

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.

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



Art

In art, children shall be exploring Andy Warhol's pop art and symmetry and patterns.



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

Rules and Responsibilities: The children will be learning about rules and responsibilities, including making rules at home and democracy at school.

Physical Education

Netball: We will be learning how to control the ball safely, passing and stopping skills, working as a small team to devise a skills based game.

Gymnastics: The children will be exploring body shapes and movements using the gym equipment.

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