



Year 4 Curriculum Leaflet

Spring 2: SHOWTIME!

English

Reading

Aim: To understand how to apply reading strategies to a range of genres.

During Spring 2 term we will be celebrating World Book Day. We will be continuing to read our class books - 'The Land of Roar' and 'The Amazing story of Adolphus Tips'. We will also be practising our comprehension skills and reading out loud during our Guided Reading sessions.

Please continue to discuss daily any text your child is reading at home.

Writing

Aim - To write an informative letter based upon characters and events in a novel.

We will be looking at techniques used to create persuasive texts by creating a podcast to advertise our pantomime. Following that, the main written unit for this half term will be based around 'The Fastest Boy in the World' by Elizabeth Laird. This is a coming-of-age novel set in Ethiopia, in which 11 year-old Solomon travels 20 miles on foot from Kidame to Addis Ababa with his grandfather in order to reclaim a precious item; however, when things start to go wrong, it is left to Solomon to make the journey home. The children will be expressing their grammar skills through the writing of setting and character descriptions and finally their own detailed letter.

Please share the experience of writing and receiving letters. This could be real or via email to a relative or family friend.

Maths

Aim - To develop their understanding of fractions in different representations.

For Maths, Year 4 will be continuing to explore fractions through different representations. They will be recapping the language of numerator and denominator and working with unit and non-unit fractions. They will use diagrams and practical resources to investigate adding and subtracting fractions. Towards the latter part of the half term, we will start learning about decimals.

Please use everyday situations to discuss basic fractions such as halves, quarters, thirds and tenths.

Science

Aim - To develop knowledge and understanding of teeth and the digestive system.

This half term, Year 4 will be continuing their work looking at electrical circuits. We will then move on to investigating teeth and the digestive system. They will be carrying out experiments to investigate what happens to our food in our bodies and what happens to our teeth if we do not look after them. Children will also have the opportunity to learn the purpose of each type of tooth such as molars for grinding food.

At home, research different animal teeth and their purposes. Compare them to human teeth and their jobs.

Geography

Aim - To develop their understanding of settlements

In geography this term, we will be looking at different types of settlements. Children will be finding out about the differences between a hamlet, village, town and city. They will look at different settlements using maps and discuss why they might be different to each other and how their locality can affect their purpose.

At home, share photographs and family memories of places you have been and discuss similarities and differences.

R.E.

Aim - To make clear links between Gospel texts surrounding Holy Week and how Christians remember, celebrate and live their lives.

In R.E. children will be looking at 'Salvation' this half term and, in particular study the question Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? This will relate to the Christian festival of Holy Week where Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

At home, ask children to share with you what they have learnt in RE each week.

Art

Aim - To investigate mark making through design.

In art children will use the work of Van Gogh to explore his style and techniques in mark making. They will recreate one of his famous pieces and use the techniques developed to create a piece of their own design.

At home, explore the works of Van Gogh by using Internet research. As a family, choose favourites and discuss your reasons for choice by referring to the content, style and the feelings it raises in you.

Music

Aim - To explore the musical element of timbre and texture.

This half term the children will explore the musical elements of timbre and texture. They will consider the types of sounds that they hear and how they are made. We will also be practising our songs for the Panto!

At home, you could listen to a range of music and identify different styles.

Computing

Aim - To become familiar with a podcast and how it can be used.

In computing, the children will be developing their skills by producing Podcasts to promote our 'Aladdin Trouble' production using the Audacity App. This will link to our persuasive writing in English.

Children could survey who in their family listens to podcasts and what they use them for.

P.E

Aim - To improve technique across the disciplines.

For outdoor PE, year 4 will focus on tennis skills. This will involve improving hand eye co-ordination and techniques for sending/receiving the ball. For indoor PE we will be learning some dance routines to get our year 4 production moving!

At home, watch some tennis matches with your child and discuss skills used.

Key Dates – Panto performances Tuesday 1st April 2pm and Wednesday 2nd April 6pm.



Mrs Lobb and Mrs Driver

