



Year 4
Curriculum
Leaflet
Summer 2:



English

Reading

Aim – To further develop the children’s reading strategies and foster a love of independent reading.

Our reading this term will mainly be closely linked to our English unit ‘The Iron Man’. We will use our strategies to deepen our understanding of the text and support our focus of summarising and development of vocabulary knowledge.

At home, encourage children to discuss new vocabulary found in their texts and its meaning.

Writing

Aim – To explore and use techniques to create suspense. We will also identify and use features of explanation texts.

For English, we will be using ‘The Iron Man’ by Ted Hughes as a base for our writing. The children will explore the devices of suspense. They will write a range of different text-types including letters, a news article and a menu fit for an Iron Man. We will also be investigating and using the techniques for writing an explanation text. We will then move on to ‘Wallace and Grommit’s Cracking Contraptions’ to write an explanation text. This will also link in with our Design and Technology work.

At home, share and talk about different text types such as take away menus, newspapers, comics, magazines. Key vocabulary- suspense, immense, function and technical.

Maths

Aim – To be able to name angles and transpose shapes.

In maths, we will start the half term by looking at naming and ordering angles. We will then think about the properties of triangles and quadrilaterals. We will then move on to statistics such as reading graphs, interpreting pictograms and drawing our own graphs. Finally, we will be using position and direction to translate shapes on a grid.

At home, look around your home and the outdoors to spot different angles. Key Vocabulary-translation, acute, obtuse, right angle.

Science

Aim – To understand mixtures and how to separate them.

In Science, we will be learning that a mixture is when more than one substance is present in the same container. When a substance is added to a liquid the substance can appear to disappear and that this is called dissolving. We will then learn that a solution is a mixture of a substance that has dissolved in a liquid and that there are different techniques for separating mixtures.

At home, children can make some of their own crazy mixtures and think of ways to safely separate them.

History

Aim – To further develop children’s understanding of British history.

In History, the children will be studying the vicious Vikings! Year 4 will develop understanding of who the Vikings were and the impact they had on Britain. We will of course be enhancing our learning on this topic at Ufton Court where the children will be immersed in Viking life.

At home, choose a Viking activity on the homework grid. Key Vocabulary- invasion, settlement, ruler, leader, ritual, archaeologist. Mrs Berry’s challenge word- zoomorphic!

R.E.

Aim – To create an understanding of the concept of devotion through learning about the Hindu festival of Mahashivrati.

The key concept for RE this half term is ‘Devotion’ and its place within the Hindu religion. Children will explore what they think it means to be devoted to something and develop their understanding through the story of Ghandi and how he was devoted to peace and his faith.

At home, discuss family ideas about what how we show devotion and what it means.

PSHE

Aim – To introduce children to the concept of bodies changing as we get older, with an introduction to puberty.

The title of our PSHE unit of work this half term is ‘Changing Me’. We will begin by celebrating the fact that everybody is different. We will then move on to discuss how our external bodies change as we grow and ways to keep clean and healthy. We will be holding a short virtual information session for Parents next half term on Thursday 12th June at 5pm to let you know what we will be discussing in more detail.

At home, you may wish to discuss with the children what they have been learning in school.

Art

Aim – To learn printing techniques and key features of Viking design.

Year 4 will be investigating Viking designs and how they held purpose and meaning beyond simple decoration. We will use them to inspire our printing designs using string to create brooches and mini shields for display.

At home, explore different methods of printing.

P.E.

Aim – To develop awareness of skills to work together as a team.

Year 4 will be practising eye/ hand co-ordination and team skills through playing rounders and building on their athletic skills in preparation for Sports Day.

At home, practise throwing and catching with your child.

D.T.

Aim – To design, make and evaluate a product using linkages and levers.

The children will be learning to use linkages and levers to create movement. They will apply this knowledge to design and create a ‘Moving Monster’! This will also give them some technical knowledge to help with the English unit ‘Cracking Contraptions’.

At home, identify a range of systems for creating movement in everyday objects.

COMPUTING

Aim – To become familiar with data processing skills.

In IT, Year 4 will be considering how data is collected and how computers can be used to monitor the environment. They will look at data points, data sets and logging intervals and use these skills to analyse data.

At home, you could choose an IT task from the homework grid. Key vocabulary-data, sensor and data loggers.

MUSIC

Aim: To learn to play a musical instrument with increasing control and musicality.

This term the children will continue to extend their learning of playing the ukulele. They will focus on learning more complicated 2 and 3 finger chords and making chord changes within a piece of music.

At home, you may wish to listen to some ukulele music online.

Key Dates

Sports Day - 25th June

12th June 5pm – Virtual information session for parents regarding Year 4 work on Puberty

16th – 18th July- Ufton Court Trip.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

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