

Music

This term the children will all learn to play the recorder. They will learn to play several different notes as well as recognising the notation used to represent them. They will follow simple music and perform pieces together as a class.

MFL

For French, the children will be learning phrases of greetings, names and feelings. In addition, they will continue to learn and use French vocabulary for numbers and animals.

Key Dates

18th October 2017 at 6.00pm—information evening about the Year 4 residential trip to Ufton Court.

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Mrs Berry, Mrs Fisher and Miss Colyer



Where in the World?

Year 4

Autumn 1 2017

Curriculum Information Leaflet

English

Reading

Our book talk book this half term will be 'Whale Boy' by Nicola Davies. With a direct link to our topic; the story is about animal welfare and the relationship built between a young boy and a whale who is in desperate need. Nicola Davies has written several books based on conservation and our responsibilities as humans towards the environment and living creatures. We will be developing children's comprehension skills through varied questions regarding not only the storyline but the author's choices of language.

Writing

This term's English writing work will be based around 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. Through close study of illustrations and the author's patterns of vocabulary, the children will be exploring and writing about different settings and empathising with the characters at various stages within the book. The children will be writing diary entries and using powerful vocabulary and varied sentence structures to describe effectively.

As our topic on habitats and animals develops the children will be researching, drafting, revising and publishing a non-chronological report about an animal of their choice.

Spellings will continue to be a weekly learning activity for homework.

Maths

Over this half term, the children will recap place value and partitioning of increasingly larger numbers. They will then use these skills to add and subtract up to 4-digit numbers using efficient methods such as column addition. We will also look at bridging and carrying during this unit of work. Children will still be completing the times tables challenge on a weekly basis, starting on the level achieved in July.

Geography

Year 4 will be learning about the world biomes and how these support the habitats of wildlife. Specifically, children will study deserts, rainforests and alpine tundra in order to create a fact file. They will use atlases to locate the various climate zones, including the polar regions and begin to understand the geographical features of each, such as the weather.

Science

In Science, children will learn about animals and how they have adapted to their environment. This will involve looking at various food chains including producers and which animals are primary and secondary consumers. The children will learn that all living things use food as a source of energy in order to survive and grow. Children will have opportunities to generate their own food chains and assess each other's knowledge as a result.

R.E.

Children will be exploring trees in terms of their own experience and their use as symbols within Christianity. They will use stories, drama and art to express their understanding of the role of the tree in the garden of Eden and in the tale of the three trees.

P.E.

Football and Gymnastics

For indoor PE this half term, Year 4 will be building on the skills learnt over the last few years within gymnastics. They will be working on individual and partner balances, creating a sequence to music to share confidently to an audience.

In games, children will be developing skills in football. They will learn to have greater control with passing, dribbling, heading and shooting. As an end to the unit of work, the children will compete in a mini football tournament.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, the children in both Year 4 classes will create their class charters. These charters will be in place all year and the children will agree to follow each of the targets, for example: I have the right to a safe environment and the responsibility to tidy up after myself. Following on from this, the children will study the unit of work called 'Feeling Good.' They will identify what they are good at, what makes them feel good and they will set personal goals to support their self-esteem. By the end of the six weeks, the children will understand to celebrate difference, they will learn that disagreeing with someone does not mean they are no longer friends and they will know how to recognise their worth as an individual.

Art

In Art, the desired outcome for this half term is for Year 4 to sketch and paint their own insect. Over the six weeks, they will develop sketching skills, as well as how to shade and vary their use of lines for different effects. The children will also use different mediums including pastels and paint. They will study a range of photographs of insects and use observations to identify features to draw. Towards the end of the unit, they will have time to evaluate their work in terms of what they like about their pieces of art and any further improvements.

ICT

Children will be developing their programming skills in order to create a slug trail game using Scratch! This will involve designing a slug character and programming its path in terms of direction, speed and sound.