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YEAR 4 – Spring Term 3

Welcome back to Term 3 – this year is flying by and at half term we will already be half-way through! We were overwhelmed by the support for the children at the Carol Service at the end of last term and were very proud of their performances. We hope that you all enjoyed a good Christmas with your families and friends and thank you for your generous gifts. We hope that 2024 brings us all good health and happiness! This term, we are looking forward to delving back into our History and Art units of work and have several exciting activities planned.

English

In English this term, our reading will be focussed all around Roald Dahl's novel, "The Witches." We will read the text together, using our class set of books and discuss the vocabulary and techniques that Dahl uses in order to engage the reader. We will make predictions and inferences about the text as well as summarising and sequencing different events. In our writing, we will focus on writing biographies about Nikola Tesla and will end the term by returning our focus back to narrative writing. We are placing a high focus on spelling this term and alongside learning their given spellings at home through the use of spelling shed and other means, we have been trying to get the children to use and apply these spelling rules within their writing. Please reiterate this message at home when learning spellings – they are not just for spelling tests!



Maths



In Maths this term, we will be revisiting multiplication and division to consolidate our learning. We will then move on to measuring the perimeter of rectilinear shapes as well as polygons. It is imperative that our children are exposed to such vocabulary which helps their understanding of shapes and measurements.

Furthermore, we will be dipping into fractions and identifying the different ways they can be represented.

Science

In Science we will be learning all about Electricity. We will be looking about electrical appliances, creating simple series circuits, as well as looking at conductors and insulators.



Computing



This term in computing we will be learning about effective online searching.

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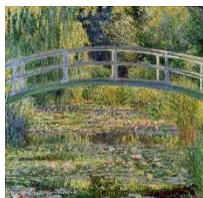
Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)



We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term, the topic is Dreams and Goals. We will be discussing our own hopes and dreams for now as well as the future and hear some inspiring stories of how others have achieved their goals through hard work and determination. We will consider the importance of being resilient and bouncing back to overcome any challenges that may get in our way of achieving our dreams.

History

In History we will be studying Anglo-Saxons and how they came to Britain. We will be looking at Kings that reigned during Anglo-Saxon times, how the Anglo-Saxons lived and influenced Christianity in Britain as well as looking in depth at Sutton-Hoo, a famous Saxon burial site.



Art

In art we will be learning all about Claude Monet. We will be looking at some of his most famous work, learning how to use water colour paints effectively before creating our own Monet inspired piece of artwork.

Music

Our focus this term will be on singing. We already know that we are good singers, proven at our Carol Service last term! We will be focusing on singing different genres of songs, singing in unison and harmonising as well as discussing the tempo and time signature of the music.



Religious Education (R.E.)



In our RE curriculum, we return to focus upon Judaism. Our over-arching enquiry question will be “How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?” We will be focusing on the Jewish festival of Passover, considering the story of Moses and how this festival came into being. We will look at the food that Jews consume and discuss the Kashrut Rules and the idea of “keeping Kosher.”



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Physical Education (P.E.)

In P.E. this term we will be focusing on dance. We are going to be learning and creating a dance inspired by street dance.



Important information

Year 4 P.E. is on a **Wednesday** this term. Children should attend school in their P.E. kit on this day.

Homework will be sent home on a **Friday**. This will include maths and spellings. Spelling games will also be set on Spelling Shed. **Please bring the homework in on the following Friday.** As well as this, please read with your child and practise timetables regularly.

All year fours will take part in a government times table check in June and so regular practise will assist them with this. This website is a really useful tool to practise on and is in a similar format to the test: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

We are very much looking forward to yet another exciting and fulfilling term ahead. Please feel free to come and speak to your child's class teacher should you have any further questions or concerns.

Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Uddin, Mrs. Austin & the Year 4 team