



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 have made a fantastic start to the year and have already begun producing amazing work across all the curriculum areas. Below is an outline of the learning you can expect your child to be completing over the next term.

English

This term the children will be looking at Fantasy Stories and Poems based on a theme.

Whole-Class reading time will take place daily, giving children the opportunity to practice reading aloud for fluency while developing their vocabulary and comprehension skills. Our class book will be Phillip Pullman's 'The Firework Maker's Daughter', supporting the children in their understanding of the Fantasy genre, we also make time weekly to read a poem as a class. Your children will also be continuing with their Rainbow Spelling Practice alongside regular ZPD reading as home learning.

Maths

Lessons in Maths will continue to follow the Power Maths scheme, as implemented by school last year. Year 4 will be finishing our focus on Addition and Subtraction to look at Measures, specifically Perimeter and Rectilinear shapes. We'll then shift our focus to Multiplication and Division, covering fluency methods that will support them in preparation for our Multiplication Check at the end of the year. As home learning the children will be continuing with weekly timetables tests, the dates for which are as follows:

3x (10/11) 6x (17/11) 9x (24/11) 11x (1/12) 12x (8/12) 7x (15/12)

Religious Education (RE)

Our topic for this half term is focused all around the symbolism of light in Christianity. Children will be exploring and discussing scripture to support and develop their understanding of Jesus as the light of the world. We will then begin to explore the parallels between this and the symbolism of light in Judaism, exploring the story of Hanukkah.

Science

This half-term the children will be looking at 'Electricity'. The children will be able to recognise and group sets of electrical devices, grow their knowledge of electrical safety and build simple circuits. They will then be able to demonstrate their knowledge by creating a light-up Christmas card!

Computing

The children will be moving onto a Coding, a very exciting topic and one that I know your children excel at! Through this the children will learn how to create, personalise and debug simple programs. This will help in developing their ability to problem solve across the curriculum.

PE

This half-term the we're moving onto our Dance topic. We are lucky enough to have the Blue Moose Dance Company come in weekly to run a session with the children, they'll be exploring a range of movements working in collaboration with a partner to follow commands, creating trios of movement and building a dance as a class.

History

This term the children have been learning all about Vikings, with a focus on Viking and Norse culture and settlers. We have explored the children's prior knowledge as well as the questions they have produced, learning all about how Viking settlements made their decisions and exploring how Religion and the Gods shaped Norse culture.

Geography

Year 4 will be continuing to develop their Geographical Skills this term. We will be exploring time zones, longitude and latitude as well as the significance of various geographical regions.

Art/Design Technology

In the run-up to Christmas the children will be Printing. This will allow them to follow up their work on Mark Making by exploring a range of patterns and designs to create their own calendars! In their DT sessions they are currently designing and planning the creation of their Light-Up Cards, looking at how they can use a range of materials to enhance their designs. The children will be able to examine their plans to work towards their creation, eventually evaluating their designs and considering what went well and what they may change if they were to complete the project again.

Music

In their Music lessons, the children will be learning all about Pitch and Melody through the exploration of Viking Sagas. The children will be developing their musical vocabulary and growing their ability to use the full range of the voice to explore pitch.

PSHE

This half-term the children will be exploring our 'Don't Forget to Let Love In' topic. This is centred around positive affirmation and remembering that we are all loved and valued, these themes will also be explored through class and whole-school worship.

Kind regards,

Mr Graham and Miss Wardman

Key Dates

School reopens – Wednesday 1st November

Finish for Christmas – Friday 22nd December (2:00pm)