



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter - Term 1B.

English:

Reading: We will be having 4 reading sessions each week where we will focus on reading the text and answering questions based on the following content domains: vocabulary, retrieval, summarise, inference, prediction, sequencing, word meaning and comparison. This term there will be a focus on non-fiction texts.

Writing: In English this term, we will be studying the text, Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann. From this vehicle text we will be following the cycle of immerse - analyse - plan - write and edit. We will be writing an outsider narrative for our fiction writing and an information report about polar bears for our non-fiction report.

Spelling: As part of our spelling lesson this term, we will be focussing on the following rules: xxxxx

Mathematics:

In Maths this term we will be focussing on the following topics: number (addition and subtraction, multiplication and division), measurement (area).

Science:

Our Science topic this half term is Animals including Humans. As part of this topic, children will be taught to:

- describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans
- identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey

Religious Education:

Our Religious Education topic this half term is Christmas: exploring the symbolism of light. The aims of this topic are to give pupils an understanding of the Christian belief that Jesus is the, 'Light of the World' and explore the multi-faceted metaphor of bringing light into people's lives and the Christian Values we will be exploring are hope and peace. The key questions we will be answering through this topic are: Why is Jesus described as the Light of the World? What does the light do to the dark? Why is light such a powerful symbol? Is light a good metaphor for Jesus? The sun already lights the world so how can Jesus be the light? How did Jesus bring light? and How does Jesus bring light? We will also be looking at other religions focusing on the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

History:

Our History topic this half term is the Roman Empire. Over this topic we will be studying the following:

1. The Roman Army.
2. Julius Caesar.
3. Augustus: the first Emperor.
4. Emperors Claudius and Nero.
5. Pompeii and the eruption of Vesuvius.
6. The Jewish-Roman War.

Geography:

Our Geography topic this half term is Population. Over this topic we will be studying the following:

1. What is population?
2. Migration.
3. Multi-ethnic London.
4. Multi-ethnic Cardiff.
5. The Welsh language and culture.
6. Welsh and British identity.

Physical Education:

In PE this half term we will be doing: Invasion Games - Football

Our PE day this half term will be a Friday

Music:

In Music this half term we will be completing our topic: Glockenspiel Stage 2.

We will consolidate our knowledge and understanding of notes 'd' and 'e' whilst introducing notes 'C' and 'F' as we listen, appraise and compose. Our final piece will be performed and shared in class.

Art

This half term we will be completing Drawing: Power Printing. Pupils who are secure will be able to:

- Create several pencil tones when shading and create a simple 3D effect.
- Explore the effect of holding a pencil in different ways and applying different pressures.
- Use charcoal and rubber to show areas of light and dark in their drawings.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the relative size of the objects they draw.
- Use scissors with care and purpose to cut out images.
- Use different tools to create marks and patterns when scratching into a painted surface.
- Show some awareness of how to create contrast by including areas with more and less marks.
- Create an interesting, finished drawing based on their original composition, including detail such as contrast and pattern.

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is Information Technology: investigating QR codes as well as our weekly E-Safety messages.

PSHE - JIGSAW

Our JIGSAW topic this half term is Celebrating Differences. Our six JIGSAW pieces this half term are:

Judging by Appearances

Understanding influences

Understanding bullying

Problem Solving

Special Me

Celebrating Difference: How we look

Dates for your diary:

This half term, we will be acknowledging the following 'theme'/national days:

November - National Literacy Trust - Non-Fiction November

11th November - Remembrance Day

13th - 19th November - Anti-bullying week

17th November - Children in Need.

Church visits:

This half term, we will be visiting St Margaret's Church for a Remembrance service on Monday 13th November.