



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter - Term 1A.

English:

Reading: We will be having four 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. Our text is *The Angel of Nitshill Road* by Anne Fine.

Writing: In English this term, we will be studying the text, 'The Whale' by Ethan Murrwo. From this vehicle text we will be following the cycle of immerse - analyse - plan - write and edit. We will be writing a setting narrative for our fiction writing and a newspaper report for our non-fiction report.

Spelling: As part of our spelling lessons this half term, we will be working on the following:

Unit 1: Adding the prefix mis- and revising un-, in-, dis-

Unit 2: Words ending in zhuh spelt -sure.

Mathematics:

In Maths this term we will be focussing on the following topics: number: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.

Science:

Our Science topic this half term is Living Things and their Habitats. As part of this topic, children will be taught to:

- recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways
- explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment
- recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things

Religious Education:

Our Religious Education topic this half term is David and the Psalms. The aims of this topic are to explore the Story of David and his strengths and qualities and to read the Psalms and use them to discover more about the nature of God. The Christian Values we will be exploring are friendship, responsibility and creativity. The key questions we will be answering through this topic are: What values do you consider to be important? Who inspires you? What are the qualities of a good King? and What is God like?

History:

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

1. Romulus, the first king of Rome.
2. The Roman Republic.
3. Rome versus Carthage.
4. Hannibal's attack on Rome.
5. Scipio saves Rome.
6. Culture in the Roman Republic.

Geography:

Our Geography topic this half term is The Rhine and the Mediterranean. Over this topic we will be studying the following:

1. The River Rhine.
2. Cologne: city on the Rhine.
3. Rotterdam: the mouth of the Rhine.
4. The changing Rhine.
5. The Mediterranean Sea.
6. The Suez Canal.

Physical Education:

In PE this half term we will be

Invasion Games Dodgeball

Our PE day this half term will be a Friday.

Music:

In Music this half term we will be studying the topic 'Mama-Mia'.

Music will take place each week on a Friday and the children will have chance to explore various musical instruments as well as enhancing their musical vocabulary.

Design Technology

This half term we will be following the process of design, make, evaluate to make our own mechanical systems (levers and linkages).

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is Digital Citizenship. By the end of the topic, the children will be able to understand that media can be edited online for advertising and other purposes and recognise unacceptable behaviour when using online services.

PSHE - JIGSAW

Our JIGSAW topic this half term is Being Me in My World. Our six JIGSAW pieces this half term are:

Becoming a class team

Being a school citizen

Rights, Responsibilities and Democracy

Rewards and Consequences

Our Learning Charter

Owning our Learning Charter

Dates for your diary:

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

1st October - 31st October: Black History Month

4th - 10th October: World Space Week

6th October: National Poetry Day

10th October: World Mental Health Day

24th October: UN Day

Church visits:

This half term, we will be visiting church to watch Year 3's Harvest assembly on the 11th October.