



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 2A.

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.

Writing: In English this term, we will be studying the text, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd Stanton. From this vehicle text we will be following the cycle of immerse – analyse – plan – write and edit. We will be writing a myth narrative for our fiction writing and an information report about defeating a Viking monster for our non-fiction report.

Spelling: As part of our spelling lesson this term, we will be focussing on the following: adding the prefix 'inter', words with the ay sound spelt eigh, ei, ey and words ending in ous.

Mathematics:

In Maths this term we will be focussing on the following topics: measurement (length, area, perimeter), number (fractions) and decimals. We will continue to focus on times table fluency in preparation for the MTC in June.

Science:

Our Science topic this half term is States of Matter. As part of this topic, children will be taught to:

- compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases
- observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)
- identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature

Religious Education:

Our Religious Education topic this half term is: Why do Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God? In this topic we will focus on:

- The miracles of Jesus.
- The power and authority of Jesus
- People who have campaigned for justice
- The holy day of Shabbat

History:

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

1. The Romans invade Britannia.
2. Caratacus fights back.
3. Boudicca's revolt against the Romans.
4. The Roman Town of Aquae Sulis.
5. Hadrian's Wall and life on the frontier.
6. Black Romans in Britain.

Geography:

Our Geography topic this half term is Coastal Processes and Landforms. Over this topic we will be studying the following:

1. Coastal processes: erosion.
2. Other coastal processes.
3. Coastal landforms.
4. The Jurassic coast.
5. Coastal habitats: the Indian Ocean.
6. The coast of west Wales.

Physical Education:

In PE this half term we will be Dance

Our PE day this half term will be on a Monday.

Music:

Our music topic for this half term will be Stop! This is a song/rap about the impacts of bullying. We will be using Charanga to support with this. This is a six-week Unit of Work that builds on previous learning. All the learning is focused around one song: Stop! - a rap/song about bullying. You will learn about the interrelated dimensions of music through games, singing and composing.

The vocabulary we will be using in these sessions will include: Musical style, rapping, lyrics, choreography, digital/electronic sounds, turntables, synthesisers, drums, unison, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, texture structure, compose, improvise, hook, riff, melody, solo.

Design Technology

This half term we will be following the process of design, make, evaluate to make our own healthy and varied diets as part of our cooking and nutrition topic.

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is Information Technology: branching databases as well as our weekly E-Safety messages.

PSHE - JIGSAW

Our JIGSAW topic this half term is Dreams and Goals. Our six JIGSAW pieces this half term are:

Hopes and Dreams

Broken Dreams

Overcoming Disappointment

Creating New Dreams

Achieving Goals

We Did It

Dates for your diary:

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

- 2nd February - NSPCC number day
- 6-12th February - Children's mental health week
- Chinese New Year.

Church visits:

This half term, we will be visiting church on Tuesday 16th January for our experience epiphany.