

English

This term pupils will begin by reading stories with a dilemma. They will also learn how to write persuasively. This will then be followed by poetry, in particular narrative poetry. Just before half term we have a storyteller coming in and the pupils will work on their narrative writing as a follow up. Finally, before the end of term they will learn about how non-chronological reports are structured. They will have the opportunity to read a variety of non-chronological reports before writing their own report about Europe. Also linked to their topic, they will read stories from other cultures.

The pupils will continue to be given spellings to learn on a weekly basis (this will begin on the 14th January). They will also bring home a reading book and a Reading Record. Each pupil is expected to read regularly (aim for 15 minutes a day). Can you please support this at home by commenting in and signing the Reading Record each week.

Science

We have two topics this term:

Brilliant bubbles: They will investigate how bubbles are made and conduct a range of fun investigations.

States of matter: They will find out about the properties of the three different states of matter: solid, liquid and gas. They will learn how to use thermometers and will study the water cycle as well as investigating air as an example of a gas.

If you are a member of a local library, the children will benefit from borrowing books about these topics.

Maths

In maths, pupils will learn to consolidate their understanding of place value as well learning about Roman numerals. They will continue to work on mental and written methods of addition.

By the end of term we aim for the children to be able to use the 4 times table to learn the 8 times table; recall x2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 tables. They also will learn to use their knowledge of times tables to work out multiplication and division questions. They will then move onto fractions: finding fractions of quantities and identifying equivalent fractions as well as rounding decimals. They will also read, write and convert time between analogue and digital 12 and 24 hour clocks. They will identify different types of angles and plot points on coordinate grids as well as calculating area and perimeter. Finally, they will collect data and display it in the form of a bar chart.

Please support your child in learning their multiplication tables at home. Children will be receiving weekly maths activities to do at home on the 'Mymaths' website.

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Additional Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year!

This newsletter provides information about the curriculum coverage for the term ahead.

Art/DT

In art, the children will learn how to use different sketching techniques, as well drawing portraits and using pastels to create still life art. In DT they will learn how to sew money containers.

Religious Education

This term in RE, pupils will learn about Easter around the world and important figures in religion.

Computing

They will learn about e-safety, and they will create wiki pages.

French

The children will learn how to talk about and describe their family as well as consolidating what they have learnt about numbers. They will also move onto animals and pets and birthdays.

PSHE/Citizenship

Our first topic is called 'Going for goals': Thinking about goal setting for the future. Our second topic is 'Getting on and falling out': How to deal with daily classroom and playground issues. We will also learn how to put into practice our school values and to respect our rights.

Humanities

This term the pupils will be learning all about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes as well as learning all about Europe.

Games/PE

In their outdoor PE sessions they will be learning about badminton. They will continue to go swimming every week. The children will need their full PE kit every day as PE times are often flexible. Please ensure all their kits are named and they have suitable footwear and a spare pair of socks.

Music

Learn about rhythm: minims, quavers and crochets. They will also compose their own music using percussion instruments.

Library days

4S: Friday
4R: Thursday
4J: Tuesday

Home learning

Home learning will be handed out and returned on the following dates:

Thursday 14th January- learning matrix due back Thursday 28th Jan

Thursday 11th February- learning matrix with learning log option due back Thursday 25th Feb

Thursday 3rd March- learning matrix due back Thursday 17th March

Thursday 24th March- learning matrix with learning log option due back Thursday 14th April