

Curriculum Information for Parents

Class: 4

Term: Spring 2020



Learning

English

In English this term, we will be reading the book “Street Child” by Berlie Doherty. This book will help us consider what Britain was like in the past. We will use this book when reading but also in writing. We will use the book to create our own non-chronological reports into items from the past and a biography about the main character from the book, Jim Jarvis. We will try particularly hard this half term at describing settings and people, showing not telling and interesting sentence openers! We will also continue to work on handwriting, in particular joining our letters. As the term develops we will move on to look at the book “The Great Italian Spaghetti Disaster,” written by Alan Stokes. This book is set in Italy and, despite being a fiction story, is based on true events. Once again we will use this story for both reading and writing activities. We will use the book to create our own play scripts, explanations, stories, persuasive texts and formal reports such as radio reports!

Mathematics

To begin the term, we will refresh our place value and working with number skills. Also this term we will embed our skills in working with the four operations and revise our skills and understanding of time. We will continue to develop our mental and written calculation skills using larger numbers. We will revise our work with decimals and their fraction equivalents. We will solve calculations involving decimals and fractions. We will use this knowledge to enable us to solve problems involving measure. We will further develop our confidence in calculating with decimals and refresh our knowledge of working with converting measures and angles. We will also look at a variety of different graphs, charts and tables and interpret them to show our understanding. We will continue to work hard to become more fluent in times table and complete regular times table checks.

You can help at home by:-

- Helping practise children’s spellings
- Times Table Rock Stars
- Reading with your child



Weekly Homework

Reading – Aim for at least 4 times a week. Reading logs checked on a **Friday**.

Spellings – Given out on a **Tuesday** to be tested on the following **Tuesday**.

Literacy and Maths or Topic – **Mathletics**- 3 activities set on a **Thursday**. **Written** homework set on a Thursday to be completed by the following **Thursday**.

PE: Tuesday and Thursday for **year 5**. **Year 4** Swimming on a Tuesday and PE on Thursday.

Our Topic this term is: Comparing Italy and the UK	
Science	<i>In Science this term we will be studying Living things and their habitats & States of matter</i>
Topic and Creative	<i>In Topic and Creative this term we will be studying Architectural design & Italian food</i>
RE	<i>In RE this term we will be studying What faiths are shared in our community & Joy and sadness</i>
P.E	<i>In PE this term we will be studying Gymnastics & Badminton</i>
PSHE	<i>In PSHE this term we will be studying Weighing up risks & Dealing with feelings</i>
Computing	<i>In Computing this term we will be studying Communication and collaboration & Multimedia</i>
Music	<i>In Music this term we will be studying Structure & Beat</i>
French	<i>In French this term we will be studying All about ourselves & That’s tasty</i>

The above information gives you an idea of the various themes and areas your child will be covering in school this term.