

Year 4 Summer Term Topics

Welcome back!

Thank you so much for the great start of the term. All the children have settled in well and are very keen to learn. New pupils have also made an amazing start. This term we will be learning some exciting things.

Reading:	In Year 4, we will be reading ' The Legend of Podkin One-Ear ' by Kieran Larwood. In classes, we will be deepening our understanding of the book through daily discussion, exploring unusual and unfamiliar vocabulary and developing their understanding orally and through written comprehension. Children will also be visiting other different types of text over the term which will include some other non-fiction texts linked to the areas of the curriculum we are studying.
Writing:	Our writing will be linked to our Science topic where we will write our own explanation texts about the digestive system. We will continue working on learnt grammar features, revisiting and practising previous grammar so that it can be largely used independently. During the term, our learning will focus on using and applying a wider range of conjunctions to extend sentences and using adverbs to express time and cause. Later in the term, we will be revisiting the use of the present perfect tense, using and punctuating direct speech and using fronted adverbials.
Maths:	During the Summer term, we will be covering the topics of fractions (recognising and writing decimal equivalents, solve problems to calculate quantities in fractions using numbers), measures (estimating, comparing and Calculating different measures, including money in pounds and pence). Our Maths will continue to include working in geometry, (describing co-ordinates, plotting specified points on a grid and describe movements between positions as translations of a given unit) and statistics (solving comparison, sum and difference using information presented in bar charts, pictograms, tables and other graphs). We will continue to recap number work including sequencing and place value, calculations, problem solving. Also, we will continue to be focussing even more heavily on times tables. Practising at home is a must , so children are ready for their test in June .
Science:	Our topic for the first half of the term continues with the digestive system. We will be researching the functions of the various organs our bodies use for digestion. Also, we will be creating the digestive system using household items to replicate the organs and the journey food takes. After this, we will be exploring living things and their habitats specifically looking at food chains, the positive and negative impact humans have on the environment and using classification keys to identify plants and animals in the local area.
R.E.:	The children will be receiving a multi-faith curriculum. Our topics will include 'Living by rules' and 'Being temperate, self-disciplined and seeking contentment'. We will be studying a variety of different faith stories as well as looking at different beliefs that faiths have.
P.H.S.E.:	This term, we will be focussing on core themes such as Health and Well Being with an emphasis on maintaining a healthy lifestyle as well as Growing and changing. Children will have opportunities to understand how to be identify common illnesses, maintain personal hygiene and basic first aid.
P.E.:	This term, we are very lucky to have the specialist dance teacher for their P.E. lessons every Wednesday afternoon.
Across the curriculum:	In the first half term, we will be learning about South America in Geography. In Art will cover the topic 'South America – The Amazon' and in particular, we will be researching and studying the artist Henri Rousseau. We will also be using different paints and exploring different colours experimenting tone and texture. In the second half term, In Design and Technology, children will be making bread that was eaten in the Viking age. This will be supported by our weekly History lessons covering the Vikings. Year 4 will continue to have weekly music lessons taught by a specialist music teacher (class 4K will learn the cornet and class 4C will learn the flute) and weekly Chess lessons each Monday afternoon. Finally, French will be continued to be taught where the children will be learning new French vocabulary covering a variety of topics.

Important information

Please make sure your child brings their water bottle, reading book and book bag to school every day.

P.E is currently dance on a Wednesday afternoon. Children will need to come to school in their P.E. kit for the day.

Homework

English homework – given out on **Friday** and due back the following **Tuesday**.

Maths homework - given out on **Tuesday** and due back the same week on **Friday**.

How can you help?

You can help us in school by:

- Reading everyday with your child, this really helps your child progress and develop an enjoyment for reading.
- Signing their Reading Diary every time your child reads with an adult at home.
- Talk to your child about their day. Ask what they have enjoyed about each day. Being able to answer questions in full sentences will help your child develop their vocabulary and understanding.
- Making sure your child gets lots of sleep.
- Bringing in a water bottle every day.
- Continue practising their times tables in preparation for their test in June.

**Thank you for your support,
Mrs Hull, Mr Kelleher, Mrs Goode**