

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

YEAR 4 SPRING

MATHS

In Maths we will have a big push on learning our times tables, 2-12. We start the term looking further at multiplication and division. We will learn to multiply 3 numbers together and then spend time learning about efficient written methods for multiplying and dividing. We will revisit our learning about perimeter and start to investigate calculating the area of rectilinear shapes.

Later in the term we will be looking at fractions and decimals. We will spend time understanding the idea of fractions and working out parts of whole numbers. We will also start to add and subtract fractions and decimals.

ENGLISH

Initially, our English learning will be based around the Mayans. We will be investigating how non-fiction texts are structured. We will write instructions, information posters, newspaper reports, and a missing scene from our text 'Rain Player'.

Later, we will be reading, 'Matchbox Mystery'. We will then be focusing on dialogue, writing diaries and an auto-biography. After that we will investigate play scripts as we read 'Tar Beach'.

Reading comprehension will be an important focus. Children will be supported in developing important skills, such as selecting and retrieving information and referring to the text to provide detailed answers. A variety of texts will be used to develop these skills.

WELCOME BACK TO YEAR 4

We have a busy term ahead of us and have lots of exciting and fun learning experiences planned.

INFORMATION

This half term, PE lessons will be on Monday and Thursday. After half term, our Thursday lesson will move back to Wednesday. Please make sure children have suitable kit for indoor and outdoor PE. If your child is unable to take part in PE lessons, please let the office know so all staff are aware. Forest school continues until February half term, on Fridays. Please ensure your child brings clothes appropriate for the weather conditions, including full waterproofs and boots.

HOMEWORK

Practising times tables x2-x12 is hugely important to secure Maths understanding, but also in preparation for the end of year MTC assessment. With this in mind, homework this term is going to be focussed around times tables practice on TT Rockstars. Spelling homework will also continue to be set on Fridays – either in books or on SeeSaw - with a spelling quiz the following Friday. There is also an expectation that children will read regularly at home and record this in their reading records. I understand finding the time to fit in homework around daily life isn't easy, so I appreciate your support with this.

**VALUES – Respect, Passion, Self-belief,
Teamwork, Determination and Honesty**

THEME – The Mayans

SCIENCE

This term the children will be learning all about electricity. They will investigate the differences between mains and battery supplies and the importance of electrical safety. Through investigation they will make simple circuits and try to find out which materials make good electrical conductors and those that don't. They will understand that a circuit needs a source of energy, such as a cell or a battery, for electricity to flow around it. They will learn how to draw circuits and to think carefully about how objects are represented pictorially.