

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 spend time learning about efficient written methods for multiplying and dividing. We will move on to focus on perimeter and investigate calculating rectilinear shapes and polygons.

Later in the term we will spend several weeks learning about 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 both fractions and decimals.

ENGLISH

Initially, our English learning will be based around a beautifully illustrated book called FAR^THER, introducing the concept of dreams and how important these are in our lives. We will write instructions, diary entries, setting descriptions and children will have the opportunity to write an adventure story as a sequel to the text. We will then read Tar Beach – a book which explores the idea of freedom - and this will be the inspiration for children to write their own play script.

After half term, we will be reading The Matchbox Diary which introduces the idea of history and migration. Children will write pieces featuring dialogue, and focus on writing an auto-biography for one of the characters. We will then read The Tin Forest which explores the idea of nature v man and holding on to hopes and dreams. It will inspire children to write a persuasive information poster.

Reading comprehension continues to be an important focus – something which the Accelerated Reader programme supports very strongly. Children will be supported in developing important skills, such as selecting and retrieving information and referring to the text to provide detailed answers.

WELCOME BACK TO YEAR 4

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

INFORMATION

PE lessons will be on Monday and Wednesday. Children come to school dressed in their PE kits, on PE days. 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 Thursdays. You will have received a separate letter with details as to whether your child is in the morning or afternoon group. Please ensure your child wears 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. These will be added to SeeSaw or be given in spelling books. There is also an expectation that children will read regularly and this will be reflected in their progress on Accelerated Reader. I understand finding the time to fit in homework around daily life isn't easy and 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 discover those materials which 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.