



Year 4

Summer - Term 1

Welcome back! I hope you've all had a restful Easter break.

Literacy



This half-term, the children will be focussing their Literacy learning around this book.

They will reflect and infer meaning from illustrations as well as the text, make predictions, develop an understanding of a character and try to understand the role of a protagonist and their emotional journey.

In SPaG, pupils will be focussing on adverbials, expanded noun phrases, standard English verbs, pronouns, the use of speech marks and determiners.

Numeracy

We will be covering a range of mathematical concepts at the appropriate level for each child. Here are the key areas which we will be teaching your child this half term -

- Decimal fractions
- Fractions
- Money
- Shape and angles
- Lots of word-based reasoning problems!

Science

This term, they will be physicists, learning all about electricity!

Your children will learn about key figures involved in the discoveries and developments around electricity. They'll carry out practical experiments too.



Pupils will:

- Identify common appliances that run on electricity.
- Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.
- Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery.
- Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit.
- Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.



Art and Design Technology

The focus of this term's work will be based on Egyptian art and artefacts.

The children will use and develop many different skills -

- Develop ideas from starting points.
- Select and arrange materials for a striking effect.
- Choose suitable techniques to construct products.
- Use a number of brush techniques using thick and thin brushes to produce shapes, textures, patterns and lines.
- Create original pieces that are influenced by studies of others.
- Experiment with creating mood with colour.

P.E.

As the Olympics are happening, this summer, the class will be honing their athletics talents.



We have started with running and will go onto jumping and throwing -

- Sprint over a short distance up to 60 metres.
- Run over a longer distance, conserving energy in order to sustain performance.
- Use a range of throwing techniques (such as under arm, over arm).
- Throw with accuracy to hit a target or cover a distance.
- Jump in a number of ways, using a run up where appropriate.
- Compete with others and aim to improve personal best performances.

R.E.



In R.E., this half-term, is the Mission of the Church. Much of our learning will be focussed around Holy Week and the events therein. The children will be developing their understanding of these events and their significance in our lives and our faith.

- Retell in sequence, using scripture sources the story of Pentecost.
- Make links between the feelings of the disciples before and after Pentecost.
- Make links between Pentecost and the beginning of the Christian Church through the work of Peter, Stephen or Paul.
- Describe with examples, how the church lives out its mission today in spreading the Good News.

Computing

This half-term, we will be finding out about photo editing. The boys and girls will be investigating how to edit images, why images get edited and what impact that editing has on the viewer.

They will develop their skills through editing digital images and considering the impact that editing can have on an image. They will also



consider how editing can be used appropriately for different scenarios, and create and evaluate 'fake' images, combining all of their new skills.

PSHE/RSE

Over this term, we will be exploring the following topics -

- Physical Contact
- Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
- Me, my body and my health
- Life Cycles



Homework:

Please continue to encourage your child to read, at least 4 times a week, and to practise their tables and spelling. I may also send home some other items or links to useful online activities.

Polite Reminder:

Your child should be reminded about the importance of removing all jewellery before any P.E. lesson and must tie long hair up out of their face.

Earrings must be removed or covered in tape.

Tape is not provided by the school.



Thank you so much for all your help with your child's education. The home-school partnership is so important!

Kind regards

Mrs McGhee Wallace and Mrs Taylor