



Year 3/4 Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter

Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a lovely holiday and wish everyone a happy and healthy 2022! We just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your support across the Autumn Term. The children are settled, working hard, making good progress, and we are pleased. We have lots of exciting activities ahead this Spring Term. Here are a few details...

English

Reading and writing - This term, we are focussing on poetry and the children will explore, perform and write poems inspired by the work of Michael Rosen. We have purchased lots of his poetry books which are available to the children in class and it is our hope that they will enjoy reading these funny and sometimes poignant poems.

Beyond this, we will be studying non-fiction texts, analysing the structure and features of non-chronological reports. This will be linked to our science topic and will culminate in them creating their own 'Healthy Teeth' leaflet using 2Publish

Spelling - Spelling lessons continue to take place weekly, with the launch of a new spelling rule every Monday and continued practise each day thereafter. A list of the weekly spellings will be stuck in the children's diary for extra practise at home and they will be tested the following Monday.

Handwriting -Handwriting practice will also take place regularly, with an emphasis on joining letters where appropriate, along with correct letter formation.

Maths

During the term, the children will develop their understanding of multiplication and division, measures of length, including perimeter, and fractions and decimals.

Alongside this, children will improve their ability to use and apply this understanding in the context of problem solving and reasoning.

Times tables - It is the expectation that by the end of Year 4 all children know by heart the times table facts up to 12x12. Please encourage extra practice at home. To help with this, the children have their logon details for Times Table Rock Stars - a fun and competitive way for them to learn their tables online.



Individual Reading and Diaries

It is still important that children read aloud at home as much as possible. Reading diaries are monitored regularly and good reading effort at home will be celebrated and rewarded.

We continue to have our 20-minute reading session every day. During this session, pupils will read either their individual reading book to an adult or share a class book with their teacher.

PE Kit

During the year, we ask that children bring their PE kit on Monday and take it home Friday afternoon. As a school, we are aiming to increase children's fitness by taking part in an extra 30 minutes of exercise every week.

Geography	World Climate - Why is climate important? 		The Americas 
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals including humans: Digestive system, Teeth, Food chains Sound 		
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Technology: 'Looking After our Teeth' leaflet using 2Publish (Purple Mash) Coding 		
French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to our School Family Members Summertime 		
Art	Drawing - formal elements of art		
D.T.	Creating shell structures castle?		
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TACT (The Arts Centre Telford) - Reading and Composing Music Whole class ukulele lessons 		
PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dreams and Goals Healthy Me 		
PE / Games	Fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Net/wall Skills Invasion games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance: The Explorers and the Hornpipe Gymnastics: stretching, curling, arching

Homework

In Year 3 and 4, as well as regular reading, learning of new spellings and times table practice, the children will also be set 'nuggets' to complete on Century. Each Friday, your child's homework will be set, and they will have one week to complete it.

Trips, visit and visitors

In Year 3 and 4, we have been lucky enough to secure whole class music lessons where the children will learn to play the ukulele! With the support of Gayle from Music Heroes, they will develop their talents as musicians across a 10 period, and we can't wait to hear the results!