

Music



This term in music the children will be looking at the structure of songs, as well as using glockenspiels along with the songs they are learning.

We will be using the song "lean on me" as the basis for our music this half term.

PE



This half term Y4 will be doing gymnastics and hockey. There are specialists teaching these classes, so we know the class will have a fantastic time!

PE days:

Tuesday– indoor kit needed.

Wednesday - Indoor and outdoor kit.

Art / Design & Technology



This half term we are looking at the topic of collage. We are continuing with our study of Andy Warhol for this and seeing how he created different types of art using repeating patterns.

What can you do to help?

- Homework will be sent out each **Wednesday** to be returned to school by the following **Monday**. It is important to me that the children are enthusiastic about the topics we are covering and the idea of investigating these further at home, so we will be discussing the sorts of activities they would like as a class.
- Please read with your child regularly. Ask questions about the book they have read to check their understanding.
- Send your child's reading book in with them every day.
- Mental maths tests will be every Tuesday.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school as discussed above;
- Please check www.school360.co.uk and the school website regularly for updates/photos.
- Water bottles (**full, water only**) should be sent to school on a daily basis.



Curriculum Information

Year 4
Spring Term 2

Fairtrade

Literacy



We will begin by looking at stories in familiar settings. These will start with short stories, focussing on the use of language and the structure of various types of stories.

We will be having a larger focus on punctuation and spellings of year 4 common exception words.

The class will be identifying features in stories by various authors as well as creating their own stores.

We will then begin looking at stories from past times.

Geography



This half term in our topic *Fair Trade* the children will learn about the history of Fairtrade and what it does. They will learn about world geography, looking at different countries in which Fairtrade operate, as well as learning about international trade and how Fairtrade intervene to support and help farmers.

Numeracy



During this half term we will be completing our study of fractions, looking at adding and subtracting fractions.

We will then move on to look at decimals.

We will use the knowledge of fractions to understand the link between this and decimals.

Science



The children will be completing their work on electricity, learning more about how circuits are made and how electricity is used in circuits.

This will involve designing and making simple circuits and learning how more power is required when more items are added to a circuit.

We will also look at electrical safety around the house and school environments and how we can stay safe when using electrical items.

ICT



This half term the children will be learning to create their very own computer game using Scratch.

This will involve the children firstly creating their own sprite and background images. They will then use coding to program their sprite, to fulfil the objective of the game.

RE / PSHCE



RE

This term, as part of the school's programme *Understanding Christianity*, the children will be learning about the Easter story and the concept of salvation.

They will learn about how Christians celebrate Easter, how these events link to Gospel texts, and what Easter means to Christians and how Christians show their beliefs today.

PSHCE

There is a strong focus this half term on PSHCE within school and events to support this such as Fairtrade Fortnight. Year 4 children will take part in a number of activities to raise awareness of these initiatives including discussion and role play.