

Music



This term the children will be getting weekly music lessons from a specialist teacher who comes into school.

They will be continuing to learn the skills to use and play music on the Ukelele.

PE



This term we will be learning to play hockey, including skills such as teamwork and strategy, as well as how to use the equipment safely.

PE days:

Thursday – indoor and outdoor kit (trainers would be better if we are on the grass.)

Friday – indoor and outdoor kit (trainers would be better if we are on the grass.)

Art / Design & Technology



This term the children will be learning about printmaking. We will look at different styles of printmaking, and the children will experiment with different tools and different mediums for making prints such as foam and acetate. We will start off the term using foam to make multi-coloured block prints.

What can you do to help?

- Homework will be sent out each **Wednesday** to be returned to school by the following **Monday**. Any child consistently not returning homework will be given the opportunity to complete this during school time.
- Please read with your child regularly. Ask questions about the book they have read to check their understanding and aim to make a comment in their reading record book 5 times per week.
- Send your child's reading book in with them every day.
- Spellings are sent home on a **Friday** ready to be tested the following **Friday**.
- Mental maths tests will be every Monday.
- 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 1 That's Not Fair! (Slavery)

Literacy



We begin the term by learning to write poetry. The children will analyse poems about storms before planning and writing their own poem, using vocabulary effectively to create an image in .

We will look at stories from past times, with a focus on stories from the time of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade to link to our topic.

All children have new writing targets to work towards this half term, with a strong focus on handwriting, presentation and editing and improving work.

ICT



This term in ICT we are starting our project to design a computer game.

.Using the program *Scratch*, children will learn about the elements that make up a computer game and use this to create their own game.

They will design characters, (known as sprites) and input code to set how the game will work and play.

History



This half term in our topic *That's Not Fair! - Slavery* the children will learn about the history of slavery. They will learn about the origins of slavery in ancient times, and how this led into the development of the Transatlantic slave trade.

They will learn about the life of African slaves in Britain and the Americas, including living and working conditions for slaves. They will go on to learn about the abolition of slavery and key figures in the abolition movement such as William Wilberforce.

Science

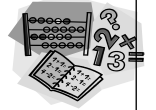


This half term's science focus is on the topic of electricity.

The children will learn about types of appliances that run on electricity, and consider why some use batteries and some use mains connections. They will think about the dangers of electricity and create an informative poster to warn others about the dangers of electricity.

In addition the children will learn about how electricity moves through a circuit. They will find out about circuit components and how to draw circuit diagrams. The children will also experiment with building their own circuits to discover how the components of a circuit such as lamps and buzzers work, and how these can be controlled by switches.

Numeracy



This half term we will start off by learning about how to use fractions.

Children will continue to work towards their targets with a big focus on times tables and using known facts. There will be a weekly mental maths quiz. Children will access this at their own level of challenge.

All children will learn to apply written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to help them solve problems.

RE / PSHCE



RE

Year 4 will be studying their other faith link topic this half term. They will be learning about the religious customs of Buddhism and where the religion came from, including learning about the life of Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of the religion. The children will also learn about aspects of the religion such as the 4 noble truths, the importance of the 8-fold path and what Buddhists believe Karma is.

PSHCE

Children will begin the term focusing on new years resolutions, and will continue to develop their understanding of the world around them through a range of activities including drama and roleplay.