

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 tennis. 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 term in art we are looking at the topic of printmaking. We will be using various materials and techniques to create patterns and prints. We will also be looking at the artistic style of the Maya civilisation to tie in with our topic and use this to influence our prints.

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 1

Maya civilisation

Literacy



We will be looking at stories from other cultures at the beginning of this term, starting with a Mayan folktale and using this to discuss the characters and predict story lines and outcomes.

We'll also be looking at persuasive writing, using letters and advertisements to explore the kinds of language used.

Following on from this, we'll move to poetry and then stories from past times.

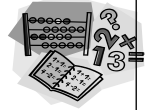
History



This half term our history topic is the Maya Civilisation. We will discuss various aspects of the Maya way of life including their religious beliefs, gods, social structure, politics, foods and cities.

This will involve using a variety of mediums to create displays and work showcasing our findings and new knowledge.

Numeracy



Starting with multiplication and division this term, we then move to area, fractions and decimals.

We will be reviewing a lot of the topics we have covered in the past few years at Corbridge First School and tying it all together.

We also have a big focus on our times tables this year.

ICT



This half term the children will continue to use various apps and programs to create their own 3D world. They will learn about simulation, algorithms and flowcharts.

Science



The children will be looking at electricity this half term.

We will be exploring what does and does not act as a good conductor, as well as learning to understand that introducing a switch will complete and break a circuit.

Most importantly, we will be finding out how to be safe with electricity and what you should and should not do when using electrical appliances.

RE / PSHCE



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In year 4 this half term we are looking at the Hindu religion and how it is practiced in Britain today.

We will look at the beliefs, Gods and lifestyles of Hindu people and comparing these to our Christian values.

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.