

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 Y4 will be learning different dances from around the world to link to our Fairtrade topic.

PE days:

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

Thursday - 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 making collages. They will be learning about Henry Matisse and his abstract work, with a particular focus on his later collage work. The children will learn about different materials and their effect in collages, and using their new skills and knowledge to plan and create a collage in the style of Matisse towards the end of the term.

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 2

Fairtrade

Literacy



We begin the term by learning about stories in familiar settings. They will read and analyse a Horrid Henry story, before using it as a basis to plan, develop and write their own story set somewhere familiar.

The children will learn about persuasive writing, and complete a piece of work linked to our topic of Fairtrade, persuading others about the importance of Fairtrade products.

The children will end the term by creating pieces of performance poetry.

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.

The children will also take part in a one day workshop run by the Royal Institute of British Architects to learn about sustainable communities, and design & build their own sustainable town.

Numeracy



This half term the children will be learning to use negative numbers.

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.

ICT



This term in ICT our focus is on Games design.

The children will continue to learn about different aspects of designing a computer game, including creating an appealing interface, creating games that are achievable and increasingly challenging and using code blocks to put these ideas into practice.

They will continue to use the programme Scratch to do this.

Science



The children will complete their unit on electricity before moving on to learn about states of matter this term..

They will learn about solid, liquid and gas in different materials. They will learn to group materials as solids, liquids or gases by understanding some of the properties of these states of matter..

The children will carry out a range of practical investigations to learn about the properties of solids, liquids and gases, as well as learning about how materials change from one state to another. They will use their maths skills to record and present data in tables and graphs.

As part of science the children will learn about how evaporation is involved in the water cycle, and how the water cycle affects farmers in different countries to link to our Fairtrade topic.

RE / PSHCE



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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.