



Curriculum Information

Geography

Our focus this term is on the New World.

Content to be covered:

Locational Knowledge: Understand the difference between the Northern and Southern hemisphere., the term 'climate zones' (identifying some differing ones). We will touch upon global warming too.

Place knowledge: Use of maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate the countries, mountain ranges, capitals, rivers and oceans of South America.

Key Vocabulary

Data analysis, weather patterns Northern hemisphere, Southern hemisphere, Equator, Continent, physical, feature, coastline, river, mountain

History

Our focus this term is on The Tudors. The children will learn about who they were, where they lived, what they wore and what they ate. They will also learn about the differences between rich and poor people and also about Henry VIII and his many wives.

Key Vocabulary

Peasants, Nobles, Monarch, timbered, diseases, Gallows.

English

Reading and Writing

Key Text: The Butterfly Lion

The children will continue writing for different purposes to show their understanding of various text types. These will include report writing, diary writing, letter writing and story writing. Much of their writing will be linked to our class book.

Spelling and Grammar

We will be carrying out revision on word groups including verbs, adjectives and adverbs to secure knowledge lost through time away from school. We shall focus on all skills listed on our Year 4 Writers' Checklist.

Spelling will be sent out weekly and children will be tested on the following Friday. Children will be involved in activities linked to their weekly spellings in school.

Mathematics

We will continue following the White Rose Hub Scheme of work and topics for this term include:-

Decimals
Money
Time
Statistics
Properties of Shape
Position and Direction.

We will continue practising problem solving skills using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Times tables will remain a focus this term and the children will aim to know all their times tables and increase their speed in recalling them.

Key vocabulary

Decimal point, tenth, hundredth, pound, pence, direction, turn, angle, right angle, acute, obtuse.

Science

Living Things and their Habitats.

The children will be taught to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. They will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment and also recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Key Vocabulary

Classification, Classification keys, environment, habitat, human impact, positive, negative, migrate, hibernate.

Information Technology

Children will continue developing their coding skills using Purple Mash. They will also be able to practise this at home. In addition, they will continue using IT in many ways to enhance their learning in various curriculum areas.

Key Vocabulary

Program, repeat, output, run, input, debug.

Physical Education

This term, St James class will be having their swimming lessons on Wednesday mornings. St Lucy will be doing gym in the school Hall on Tuesdays.

Our outdoor lessons are on Wednesday afternoons.

Throughout all of our lessons, we will be discussing the importance of exercise and the impact it has on our bodies.

We will be working on a range of skills including tennis skills.

French

We will be using feeling unwell to talk about parts of the body e.g. J'ai mal à la tête (I have a headache!) Weather, food and holiday language will be the focus of this term. We will learn some words to describe the seaside and things that you might do there.

Art

The children will continue to work with a range of materials developing their drawing and painting skills. They will be looking at the design of Tudor buildings and also at portraits of Henry VIII and his wives. They will use sketchbooks so that they can revisit their work to make changes.

Homework

Thank you for supporting your child with their home learning. Please help them to learn the key vocabulary listed on this document as they are a vital part of their learning.

Please continue to encourage your child to read daily and remind them to complete their quizzes in school. Weekly spellings are also important to practise and please encourage your child to write their spellings in joined handwriting as well as using the spelling website.

Please contact Mrs. Daggett or Miss Bannister if you have any questions.

We look forward to a great term in school!