Year 4
Advent term
2019

Curriculum Information

Ancient Egyptians and France

Our focus within the first half term is on the Ancient Egyptians. We will be learning about how the Ancient Egyptians lived, what their customs were, what their beliefs were and how their society was structured. In the second half term, we will be learning about France and developing our geographical skills including map reading and looking at the different human and physical features.

English

Reading and Writing
We will be learning about: non chronological reports, instruction texts, haikus and limericks, setting and character descriptions. We will also be learning about retrieval of facts and using clues to understand the text.

Literacy Skills: To recognise and use past tense verbs effectively, to create expanded noun phrases and use conjunctions to create sentences with more than one clause.

Mathematics

The children will practise, on a daily basis, oral and mental skills such as counting, mental strategies, rapid recall of number facts, etc. Units of work will include: securing number knowledge and the four operations. We will also be learning about measuring length and perimeter. By the end of year 4, all children must know their times tables and be able to recall these facts at speed.

Science

Electricity:

This unit focuses on what appliances run on electricity and how circuits work. The children will investigate which components work in different circuits and which materials are insulators and which are conductors.

Teeth and Digestive system:

We will be learning about the basic functions of the digestive system, the different type of teeth in humans and food-chains.

Information Technology

We will be learning about coding different programs and creating algorithms for sprites to move. We will also be learning about e-safety and how to use spreadsheets.

Physical Education

Rugby: we will be learning about passing and receiving and using space in small sided games.
Gym: we will be learning about different balances and methods of travelling
Netball: we will be learning about basic techniques and attacking and defending in small sided games.
Dance: we will be learning about creating different phrases and movements in synchronisation.

French

About our town:
We will learn how to explain what is around us in our town.

On the move: we will be learning about directions and how to follow instructions.

Homework

Homework grids will be sent out each half term, an activity from this grid should be completed each week and handed to the class teacher on a Wednesday. Weekly spellings will be sent home each Friday and will be tested the following Friday. Your child will be expected to read every day at home. They will be expected to use the Times Table Rock Stars website and Purple Mash to help memorise their times tables and complete Maths activities.

You will need to make sure your child has a pencil and a ruler to use at home. A small dictionary would also be useful. Please be prepared to support your child with any homework activities and check their answers with them. Most children will also need help with learning their spellings and times tables.