



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 develop their skill of placing events in chronological order on a timeline and how The Tudors came to power. They will find out about the different monarchs who ruled England during The Tudor period and about Henry VIII and his many wives.

Key Vocabulary

Monarch, chronological order, timeline, reign, battle, marriage, comparison.

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. 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.

Computing

Children will be learning about effective searching on the internet and also about computer hardware. They will continue using IT in many ways to enhance their learning in various curriculum areas.

Key Vocabulary

Search engine, monitor, USB, central processing unit.

Physical Education

This term, St Joan will continue with their swimming lessons on Wednesday mornings. St. Augustine's will be doing fitness training in the school Hall. Both classes will be working on a range of hand eye coordination skills. including tennis

and cricket skills.

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

Key vocabulary

Aim, bat, field, coordination, circuit, fitness, heart rate, pulse.

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/DT

The children will develop their knowledge of tints and shades. They will learn about portraits and why they were important to the Tudors. The children will sketch a self portrait using the right proportions and create a portrait painting of a Tudor Monarch.

Key vocabulary

Portrait, Holbein, tint, shade, proportion.

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. Please continue helping your child learn their times tables.

Please contact Mrs. Pickles or Mrs. Broom if you have any questions.

We look forward to a great term in school!