



Curriculum letter

Year 4

Welcome back from a restful Christmas holiday, and happy new year! The children are already excited to begin our new topics in 2018;

Spring term 1- 'Invasion!' The study of the Ancient Romans and their Invasion of Britain.
Spring term 2- 'Chocolate' A delicious investigation of states of matter and Roald Dahl books!

During English and Maths this year, we will continue to reinforce all skills in greater depth and applying these skills in a variety of investigations.

Maths

Number and place value
Addition and subtraction
Multiplication and division
Properties of shape
Graphs and data collection
Mental strategies and all multiplication tables
Investigations and problem solving

English

Narrative - Myths and legends
Imaginative recounts
Play scripts
Non-Fiction - Explanation texts
Report writing
Instructions
Alongside weekly comprehension, handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar tasks.

Science

Scientists and Inventors- we will familiarise ourselves with famous scientists, learning their theories, discoveries and inventions, and how our modern lives have been affected by these.
Changes of state- we will investigate the makeup of solids, liquids and gases, and how these matters change under different conditions.

Geography

During our 'Chocolate' topic, we hope to wider our knowledge of Southern America where much of the chocolate trade begins, investigating climate and location alongside economics.

History

'Invasion!' will look at the Roman civilisation, particularly how the Romans established and expanded their empire. We will see how they invaded Britain and investigate the art, culture, engineering and construction the Romans left.

Art/D.T

We will be observing Roman mosaics before creating our own mosaics to represent an area of Roman culture or life. We will also begin a virtual enterprise, where children will design their own chocolate, wrapper and advertising.

Computing

We will continue to practice 'E' Safety -keeping safe when using the internet, as well as the using the internet for research. We will also continue to develop word processing skills and use of computer programs.

Music

We will be following our Charanga music scheme, where we will learn to play the recorder and investigate the genre of gospel.

RE

We will focus on the Christian faith and various celebrations and festivals of all religions.

PE

Children will take part in a variety of athletic, gymnastic activities, whilst continuing learning different skills for games and sportsmanship. Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday; children must have full kits and all jewelry removed to participate.

Homework

Homework will include a piece of Maths and English related to the week's learning, and the week's spellings. There may be other homework set, on occasions, relating to one of our topics of study.

As always, it is incredibly important that children read **every** day. Reading books can now be changed every day when finished and books are chosen independently by the children. To aid children's comprehension, it is important adults listen and ask questions about the books. For example; asking what they think is going to happen next or what they like /dislike about characters in the story.

If you have any queries about our curriculum, school routines or your child's wellbeing please speak to your class teacher to make an appointment after school.

Miss Dewar (Deer Class Teacher)

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