



Curriculum letter

Year 4

Welcome to Year 4! The new year has got underway and the children are settling back into their routines and lessons very well. During each half term, we will focus on a main topic, planning a creative curriculum for each subject area related to our theme.

Autumn term 1- 'Bright Sparks' An investigation into all things electrical!
Autumn term 2- 'Off with your head!' A historical study of life under the Tudor monarchy.

During English and Maths this year, we will be reviewing and reinforcing all skills, looking at similar objectives to Year 3 in greater depth and complexity. Over the coming term we will be investigating:

Maths

Number and place value
Addition and subtraction
Multiplication and division
Mental strategies and all multiplication tables
Investigations and problem solving

English

Narrative - Diary and character writing
Imaginative recounts
Play scripts
Non-Fiction - Biographies
Report writing
Recounts

Alongside weekly comprehension, handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar tasks.

Science

Electricity- we will begin to understand how electricity works and design our own electric circuits.

Geography

During our 'Bright Sparks' topic, we will look into the water cycle and weather including storms. We will also begin to understand how we can harness nature's power as alternative sources of energy.

History

'Off with your head!' will look at the Tudor dynasty in England; life as a Tudor, invasions and European connections and, of course, the Royal Tudor family; Henry VIII, his wives and children.

Art/D.T

We will begin to design a toy or automata with moving parts powered by simple electric circuits. We will also study the art of Henry VIII's court artist, Hans Holbein, and recreate some of his famous Tudor portraits, as well as making a Christmas decoration inspired by Tudor life.

Computing

We will be learning about 'E' Safety - How to keep safe when using the internet, as well as the uses of 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 look at instruments of the Tudor period compared to now, and study the music of The Beatles.

RE

We will investigate two religions this term: Buddhism and Christianity.

PE

Children will take part in a variety of outdoor games, whilst continuing learning different skills for games and sportsmanship. Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday; children must have full kits and all jewellery 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.

It is of enormous importance that the children read **every** day. Reading books can be changed when necessary and the children will choose their own book. 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, or selecting information from a non-fiction text.

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 (Dove Class Teacher)

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