

## **English**

In English this half term, we will be looking at story writing; with a particular emphasis on having the children write a dilemma. To begin the term, we will explore descriptive writing about characters and settings. As part of this unit, the children will then have the opportunity to write their own adventure stories. We will also use a range of techniques, such as video clips, pictures and drama to provide an appropriate stimulus to enable children to produce quality written work.

This term, children will have opportunities to read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to develop a variety of reading skills. This should enable them to understand different texts and answer comprehension questions with confidence. They will discuss texts that they have read and exchange their opinions as they explore characters and themes. They will be given the opportunity to read as a class, in a small guided group with the teacher, on their own or with a peer.

## **Spelling and Grammar**

Each week the children will focus on a new spelling pattern. They are to practice their spellings words using Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check ready for Friday's spelling test. This term in grammar, the children will learn to use simple past, present progressive tense and a range of punctuation.

## **Maths:**

In Maths this half-term the children will be solving multiplication and division problems. They will recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations. We will continue practicing recall of multiplication and division facts up to 12 X 12.

Pupils will be learning to use formal methods to solve 3 digit multiplication including partitioning (grid method) and column method (short and expanded).

The children will be developing their problem solving skills, identifying the key words in the problem and deciding what operation and method is needed to solve it.

Throughout the term we will also encourage the children to work in a group to discuss different mathematical puzzles and justify their responses and solutions.

## Creative Learning Journey

- ◆ In our topic 'Ancient Greece', the students will be learning about life in Ancient Greece including about schooling, food, clothing, music and war. They will explore why people behaved in the way they did then and plot key events on a timeline. Students will compare how the Olympic games have developed from the past. In **Art**, children will be using a range of techniques to design and create their own clay 'Ancient Greek' pot.
- ◆ In **ICT**, pupils will be exploring how basic programming works. They will design a toy which an interactive feature. Then, they will be coding their own digital characters to follow a number of actions using the program 'Scratch'.
- ◆ In **RE**, children will be learning about special books with a focus on stories in the Bible. Pupils will explore different biblical stories from the perspectives of Muslims, Christians and Jews. Students will have opportunities to reflect about the morale of stories for them in everyday life.
- ◆ In **Music**, we will be learning to play some notes on glockenspiels. We will also be listening to and singing a range of Christmas carols. We will try to identify the layers and dimensions in the music.
- ◆ In **PHSCE**, the pupils will learn about people who help them stay healthy and safe . They will learn how actions can affect ourselves and others and to recognise and manage dares.
- ◆ In **PE**, pupils will a range of strategies in team games, both offense and defence. They will work on their ball control and creating space to offer their team opportunities to keep possession and score.

## Information about Year 4

### Homework:

Reading, spellings and times tables should be practised every night. Children have a Reading Record that they are to bring home and read each night. The Reading Record must be signed by an adult and returned to school each day. For every night the children read they will receive 1 house point.

### P.E. Timetable:

4A will be swimming on Tuesdays this term. 4B and 4C will swim at a later date. Please ensure that students have a plastic bag with the following: swimming costume, swim cap, and a towel.

**Class 4A:** Swimming – Tuesday and PE—Wednesday

**Class 4B:** PE– Monday and Thursday

**Class 4C:** PE– Monday and Friday

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class.

### Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform including their blazers and ties.

Class Teachers are always happy to discuss your child. Just make an appointment with the office staff. Mr Bhatti (4A), Miss Lobb (4B) & Mrs Joyce (4C).

In December we will be visiting the Bethlehem Experience at a local church. Please remember to return the permission slips ASAP.