

# Year 4: Autumn 1: Under the Canopy?

## English

The children will be learning about 'lost and stolen' which is a story which explains the themes of loss, encouraging the children to use their own experiences. The pupils will write a new chapter for the story. During poetry week, the students will have the opportunity to write and perform their own poems. For non fiction they will explore a range of different information in a range of styles.

Weekly grammar lessons will build on the children's prior knowledge of sentence structure. They will learn about different ways to start sentences and how these can be used for good effect in their own writing. They will also be learning how to use a wider range of connectives and conjunctions effectively. They will also work on using headings and sub-headings to organise their ideas.

Spellings will focus on the suffixes -ly, ally, sure and -ture. In grammar, the children will learn about noun phrases and direct speech. Each week the children will focus on a new spelling pattern, which they are then expected to transfer to their independent writing and learn for a weekly test.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day. They will have the opportunity to change home reading books at least once a week. Each week the children will be taught a new spelling pattern and also how to identify word meaning through context and the use of a dictionary. Children will be encouraged to use new words in their writing. They will be taught a range of grammatical terms and the correct usage.

## Maths:

The children will be learning about four digit numbers and what the value of each digit is. They will be learning to round each number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. They will find 1000 more or 1000 less of a given number. The children will use more formal written methods for addition and subtraction – using the column method.

The pupils will investigate and learn how to use Roman Numerals. They will also count backwards and forwards using the negative number system.

Please encourage your child to learn their times tables and the corresponding division facts. The children can monitor their own progress by accessing the 'heat maps' in the statistics part of Times Table Rockstars. Homework will also be set weekly on My Maths.co.uk.

Every afternoon, the children will be able to develop their arithmetic skills through a daily maths activity which will re-inforce the week's teaching.

## The Wider Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Under the Canopy' which will help the children learn the importance and location of the Rainforests in the world.

· As part of the **Art** programme this term the children will have the opportunity to explore the work of Amazonian artists focusing on the foreground and background.

· In **Science**, children will explore animals from range of habitats. They will carry out field work to identify common invertebrates and classify according to their characteristics.

· During **RE**, the children will find out about Hindus – how and why they worship in their home.

· In **PE** lessons children will focus on rounders, learning how to throw and catch the ball accurately. In athletics the children will record and measure results in running throwing and jumping.

· In **ICT** we will be learning about Esafety and learning how to search the internet.

· In **Music**, the children will have the opportunity to learn about pop music and they will have fun learning 'Mamma Mia'.

## Homework:

Maths and English homework will be given out on **Monday** and must be returned on Friday. Reading, spellings and times tables should be practised every night.

P.E. Timetable:

Class 4A: PE Monday and Wednesday

Class 4B: PE Tuesday and Thursday

Class 4C: PE Wednesday 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. All uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Please provide your child with a named water bottle.

Class Teachers are always happy to discuss your child. Just make an appointment via year4@jamescambellprimary.org.uk

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