

Year 4: Autumn 2: Friend or Foe?

English

This term the children will be looking at poetry, learning how to write poems and to perform with expression. They will be learning about how to use similes and metaphors to add description. In addition the children will looking at non fiction texts and learning how to write for a magazine. The last unit will introduce play scripts.

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 spelling patterns au, wa and squ. In grammar, the children will learn about homophones and apostrophes. 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:

In Mathematics this half term we will have a major focus on measurement using centimetres, metres and kilometres. The pupils will be adding and subtracting lengths as well as working out the perimeter of shapes.

The children will be learning to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. They will be applying their knowledge of the 3, 6, and 7 times tables in word problems.

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 'Friend or Foe?' – which covers the Viking and Anglo Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England up until the reign of Edward the Confessor.

- As part of the **Design and Technology** programme this term, the children will design and make a Viking longship. They will annotate plans of design ideas. They will select appropriate tools and equipment.
- In **Science**, children will explore the topic of electricity. They will investigate and test materials to see which make good conductors. They will also make electrical circuits and identify problems when they arise.
- During **RE**, pupils will explore the Bible and the church.
- In **PE** lessons children will evaluate and perform routines in gymnastics. In basketball they will learn how to pass, dribble and pivot. They will then make appropriate decisions in competitive matches.
- In **ICT** we will be developing and designing a product, learning how debug as well.
- In **Music**, the children will have the opportunity to practice and improve their singing skills and they will be learning to perform Christmas Carols.

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 year@jamescambellprimary.org.uk

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