

Year 4: Spring 2: Heroes and Mortals

English

Encourage your child to read everyday. It can be a comic, a favourite book or about a sport they are interested in. Remember, all our books are online in the Bug Club section of Activelearnprimary.co.uk. Ask your child to talk about what they have read.

This half term, the children will be learning about playscripts. They will be reading 'The Fly and the Foot' and learning about characters and their actions. This will create some interesting discussions. Then the children will look at the playscript of Rumpelstiltskin and then write their own version using their knowledge of the genre.

For non fiction writing the children will be learning about evaluative writing. They will be learning about a topic from a certain viewpoint and then use evidence to support their argument.

In grammar, the children will be learning about the technical aspect of playscripts e.g. colon, dialogue and layout etc. They will also be learning more about apostrophes for possession and omission. Handwriting should now be joined and spellings will be sent home each week. You can help your child by using Spag.com.

Maths:

The children will be continuing to practise adding and subtracting four digit numbers. They will also be revisiting fractions. They will add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. They will also use fractions to solve mathematical word problems.

We will be revisiting the topic of decimals. The children can use their arithmetic skills to add and subtract using decimal – you can set some money calculations at home to practise this. The children will count backwards and forward in tenths, hundredths. They will also begin to multiply with decimals to two decimal places.

We will continue to practise the previous topics such as area, perimeter and time.

Maths homework will be set via My Maths and Times Table Rockstars.

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In Science, the children will be learning about the various states of matter e.g. solids, liquids and gases. They will spend some time investigating the different materials and classifying them. They will learn about the changing states and look at what happens at boiling and freezing points of water.

In computing, the children will be learning about 'Wikipedia'. They will practise becoming online authors and creating their own submissions and how to avoid plagiarism.

In Art, the children will have great fun making Greek pots. They will look online at some original ones and how they portrayed life in the past.

In PE, the children will be performing dance routines using plant cycles as inspiration e.g. portraying growth and exploring a range of movements.

In Spanish, the children will be learning how to order food and drinks.

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

We will be having an online parents evening in May. Please ensure we have your current contact details.