

Year 4: Summer 2: Roaring Rivers

English

In English this half term the children will be focusing on learning about story writing from another culture. The text they will be using is 'Sugarcane Juice' by Patrima Mitchell. The children will use their senses to describe the Indian subcontinent. The children will then write a new episode of the story using the characters. In non fiction writing, the children will be learning about advertisements in the form of text, audio and video. They will then write a persuasive text stating why people should watch a film or a certain programme.

In grammar, the children will be consolidating their learning about pronouns, direct speech and fronted adverbials. The children can use www.spag.com to practise at home. Most children should be writing in a joined, cursive style. We will be working on suffixes in spelling eg words ending with -ture, -sure.

In reading, we are continuing with helping children with comprehension in Destination Reading lessons. You can support your child by continuing to listen to them read regularly and by asking them to summarise what they have read. Regularly reading will really help your child prepare for Year Five.

All our books are on www.activelearnprimary.org.uk.

Maths:

In mathematics this half term we are continuing to concentrate on arithmetic. The aim is to ensure your child moves to Year Five confidently being able to add and subtract four digit numbers using the column method.

We have been practising our times tables all year and the children will be tested in the month of June. The children are really familiar with this check as it is the same format as the 'Soundcheck' on Timestable Rockstars. Please encourage your child to practise their tables for ten minutes a day. This will help them prepare for Year Five.

The children will also be learning about interpreting data in pie charts, bar charts and graphs. You can support your child with www.corbettsmathsprimary.co.uk and www.whiterosemaths.com where there are a wide range of videos to help consolidate learning.

The Wider Curriculum

Geography will be the main focus for the last half term as the children will be learning about the exciting topic of rivers. Have a chat at home about which rivers they know or have visited. Pupils will learn how rivers are formed and they will use geographical language to describe its journey from river to mouth. They will learn about the River Thames and about measures put in place to avoid flooding.

In Science, the children will learn about the human digestive system and the main body parts. They will learn that food is broken down through mechanical and chemical processes. They will learn about teeth and the role they play in that process.

In ICT, the children will be using programs to make music and how to protect themselves when they go online in E safety.

In design and technology, the children will sketch and annotate diagrams to communicate designs. They will select the tools and materials, giving reasons for their choices. Then they will evaluate their product. In PE, the children will be learning how to play rounders. In Athletics they will record and measure performances in running, jumping and throwing.

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