

Year 4: Autumn 1: Under the Canopy?

English

The children will be looking at a story 'lost and stolen'. This story explores the themes of relationships, suspicion and trust. This is a story which includes a dilemma. They will be studying the structure of the story as well as identifying how the characters feelings affect their actions. During the unit the children will also be refreshing their knowledge of how to set out speech correctly using inverted commas. The end result will be for the pupils to write a new chapter for the story.

In our non fiction unit the children will look at information texts presented in a variety of styles, in a magazine feature format. They will create and present their own information text in this style. The end result will be a presentation to pitch a new gadget to potential investors!

Please encourage your child to read at home every day. It does make a huge difference. We would encourage you to write in their reading record the pages they have read each night and not wait until they have completed their book. The children will also have the opportunity to choose their own book from the school library which will be changed weekly.

The children will continue to focus on a new spelling pattern every week and will learn how to use and apply these rules. They will continue to revise and master the Year 3 & 4 list of spellings. Whilst grammar lessons will focus on word classes, using punctuation and range of sentence types for effect.

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. Every week there will a competition between the three classes. This huge focus on times table is because Under the current National Curriculum, children are supposed to know ALL their times tables by the end of Year 4. They will complete their statutory assessment the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) at the end of the year. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether Y4 pupils can recall their multiplication tables fluently (being able to answer times tables questions accurately and quickly, without having to work out the answers).

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. We will also be finding out about the animals and plants that live in the tropical rainforests as well as humans. Lastly we will be focusing on the impact that humans are having on these forests.

In **Art** this term the children will have the opportunity to explore the work of Amazonian artists focusing on the foreground and background. We will especially be looking at the artist Nixiwaka Yawanawá.

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.

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

In **PE** lessons children will focus on Tag Rugby, learning how to throw and catch the ball accurately. In gymnastics the children will be developing, performing and evaluating their own routines using balance. These routines will be both on the floor and on apparatus.

In **ICT** we will be learning about E-Safety and learning how to search the internet. We will be using these skills to find out even more about Tropical rainforests.

In **PSHE** we will be looking at 'Being Me in My own world'. What the children's rights and responsibilities are as well as how their actions can affect others in a positive and negative way.

Homework:

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

P.E. Timetable:

Class 4A: PE Monday and Thursday

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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