

Art and Design

This term we will be continuing to develop our use of sketchbooks to explore ideas, improve our skills in drawing and using colour and tone. We will be exploring other media through our topic work including painting, textiles, clay and collage.

Design and Technology

We will be using natural materials to build our own roundhouses and evaluating, tasting and designing our own bread.

Music and Drama

This term will hopefully include learning songs and singing for Harvest and Christmas. We will listen to and discuss a range of music and use drama to explore characters and retell stories.

Computing

This term we will be learning about coding using Espresso. We will be continuing to learn about keeping safe online and use the computers for research and practising and enhancing our learning.

English

In English our focus continues to be reading; developing our independent skills and using Accelerated Reading to keep track of our progress. We will be listening to, learning and retelling stories as well as writing our own. We will look at a range of non-fiction texts and identify the features of these to use in our writing.

We will be creating our own poetry based upon the book "Here We Are". We will study a range of texts starting with an African Folk Tale "Fly Eagle Fly" which is a story about achieving your potential. In addition we will be using our writing skills across the curriculum.

In spelling, we will continue to look at patterns and rules as well as exploring how prefixes and suffixes change the meaning of words.

Vocabulary is also an important focus – we will be collecting powerful words to use in our writing and trying to use the correct subject vocabulary to explain about what we are learning.

Owl and Chameleon Class



Autumn Term 2020

Wellbeing

The wellbeing of the children as they return to school is of the utmost importance. We will be studying the book "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffries which explores our Earth and our place in the universe. We will be using our amazing Wellbeing area just outside the year 4 classrooms and taking our learning outside.



Maths

In maths this term, we will be learning about:

- place value to 10,000; including rounding numbers to 10, 100 and 1000 and negative numbers
- Roman Numerals to 100
- how to use formal calculation methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.
- measuring length and perimeters.

To continue to develop our reasoning skills, we will be solving lots of problems and puzzles.

In Year 4 we need to know **all** our times tables ready for our times table assessment in the summer term. Remember to practise on TT Rockstars so you are really quick! Look out for competitions!

PE

In PE, on Wednesdays and Fridays we will be developing our balance, core strength and coordination in our Real PE lessons filled with lots of fun activities and games. Can you improve your personal best? We will also be making Maths more active and developing our thinking skills and team work.

History

Our topic this term is the Iron Age and, after half term, the Romans. We will be looking at how people lived in these times including their clothing, homes and daily life. What they believed and how life changed due to significant events. We will find out what their legacy is for us today and how they left their mark on Britain. We will make our own models and art work, independently research aspects that interest us and there will be a half term project for you to do!

Watch out for an Iron Age or Roman Day later in the term.

Geography

In geography, we will be working with maps and Atlases. We will be investigating land use and how the map of Britain changed through history.

RE

In RE with Mrs Caston, we will be learning about Christianity. We will be focussing on the Christian Values of Community and Peace this term.

Forest school/outdoor learning

We aim to use the outdoors for as much of our learning as we can – adapting and reimagining lessons in the fresh air!

Science

In the first half term, we are learning about the States of Matter; classifying liquids, solids and gases and investigating the processes of condensation and evaporation. Then after half term, we will be thinking all about how we eat and digest our food. We will find out about our teeth and investigate animal foodchains. We will also be observing changes in the pond habitat throughout the year. There will be lots of exciting investigations to do and interesting facts to find out.