



Year 4 Summer Term News 2019

Dear Year 4 Parents, Carers and Friends,

The summer term is here and Year 4 have their fingers crossed for some sunny days so that we can get out and about!

Our main topic this term will be **Water**.

Here is an overview of our subject focuses for the term:

PHSE - We will continue to use Jigsaw to support our PSHE learning. In the first half of the term our topic will be '**Relationships**'. We will focus on **friendships**; what a good friend is and how to manage strain in friendships. We will also look at our relationships with pets and the loss of a pet. In the second half of term our topic will be '**Changing me**'. This will help to prepare the children for the change of moving year group and we will also learn about some of the physical changes that happen to our bodies as we mature. A letter containing more details on this will go out to parents nearer to the time.

English - We will begin the summer term with a link to our Vikings Project. The children will use Inspire Education <http://inspire.education/> to explore the Viking world and from this stimulus they will write their own newspaper report about a dramatic, historical event! We will share stories containing humour and will also focus on the performance of poetry; learning poems to recite. We will later look at stories with an element of fantasy inspired by "The butterfly lion" by Michael Morpurgo. There will be a continued focus on the Year 4 spellings and grammar and we will also be encouraging the children to use joined up handwriting in all areas.

Maths - In Maths we continue to use the "Maths No Problem" scheme - the children are responding very well to the physical (doing with resources), pictorial and abstract sequence to these lessons. This term we are covering decimals (tenths and hundredths) converting these into fractions and rounding them. In money we will compare amounts, round amounts, estimate and solve problems. We will learn about mass, volume and length; we will measure accurately, convert measurements and solve problems. In geometry we will cover angles and symmetry and also look at how we can classify shapes. We will also be learning to us positional language and plot coordinates.

Science - This term our topic is "**Living things and their habitats**" we will classify living organisms, look at vertebrates and invertebrates, study our local habitat and also learn about environmental changes.

Physical Education - We are very lucky this term to have the Sports Development Coaches working with us to deliver high quality PE lessons focusing on skills development. The children are learning team games, ball skills and will also be preparing for sport's day. Year 4 will also benefit from weekly swimming lessons, these will be taught by swimming teachers.

Computing - Through the topic of "**Animation**", Year 4 will learn the basic principles and techniques of simple animation and will compare a range of free animation software before incorporating these different techniques into their own animation. In the second half of term our topic is "**Using and applying**" this will be an open-ended project for pupils to apply the skills they have developed by working on other units within the year group.

Art, Design and Technology - This term our focus is "Painting". We will look at seascapes of Jersey to inspire own seascape paintings and embellish our paintings with different materials. We will also use recycled materials to create underwater scenes.

History and Geography - Our unit on "Water" will introduce children to the water cycle and allow them to explore the processes of evaporation and condensation through a range of practical activities. We will consider how water is not always a plentiful resource, and consider the ideas of conservation and some of the issues surrounding supplying clean drinking water to a growing global population.

RE - This term we return to Judaism and look at the question of "**What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?**" We will consider questions such as; Do religious people lead better lives? Is religion the most important influence and inspiration in everyone's life? Does participating in worship help people to feel closer to God or their faith community? In the second half of term we will think about "**Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?**"

Music - Our first music unit is called "**Blackbird**" as is based around the song by the Beatles. We will compare some of their music, appraise the songs and also do some playing on the glockenspiels. Our second unit is called "**Reflect, rewind and replay**" we will revisit the skills we have learned during the year and build towards a performance.

Trips - Trips this term will include a beach visit, the reservoir and St Ouen's pond.

Home - Learning

Home reading - A love of reading is something we strive to develop in our children. Year 4 have a range of books to select from and manage the changing of books independently. If your child is not bringing home new books, please see me so that I can ensure they remember to change them regularly. If they have access to books by David Walliams and Michael Morpurgo this will help to deepen their English learning.

Home-learning tasks and Spellings - A Home Learning topic for this term will be sent home, linking to our topic of water. Children have been given individual spelling to learn and in class we are continuing to work through the spelling patterns for Year 4.

Other - Please make sure that all uniform is labelled, as the weather hopefully warms up the children do take their jumpers off and can leave them in the most unusual of places! With the warm weather please also send your child to school with an additional water bottle to use in class and a named sunhat for use at playtimes.

Please see me with any questions or queries.

Thank you for all your amazing support and help.

Best wishes,

Mrs Richardson

