

# 2017-18

## Summer 2

We can't believe we are approaching our final half term together (time flies when you are having fun!). As we are a football mad class, our final topic is going to be based around 'The World Cup'. We will be exploring previous host countries and the present hosts Russia. In English we will be writing persuasive pieces explaining why the World Cup should be hosted in England next time. Then we will move on to looking at Tom Palmer's live thriller adventure set at the men's World Cup. He will be publishing a daily chapter featuring dramatic cliff hangers and a chance to vote to change the storyline as the story unfolds.

In Maths we will be revisiting our work around shape including symmetry and angles with a heavy focus on problem solving and reasoning. To end the half term we will re-cap all taught skills.

During this half term we are having a whole school Art week, where Year Four will focus on portraits of footballers. During World Faith Week we will be studying Sikhism.

Finally, there's Sword dancing to master for our Summer Celebration.

Enjoy the Holidays from Mrs Divine, Mrs Moxon, Miss Harrison and Mrs Webb. We look forward to seeing you back, eager to learn after a rest.

## Summer 1

We hope you have all had a fantastic Easter break and are raring to go for the final term in Year Four. We will start the half term completing our Lamp/Electricity topic. We need to finalise our designs and then spend a day making them. Finally, we will evaluate our own and others designs looking specifically at functionality and appeal. We will then swiftly move onto our new topic which is Chocolate (Mrs Moxon's idea!). This will link nicely to our Science 'States of Matter' work and will also be enhanced by a trip to a sweet/chocolate factory.

### English

In English we will start by finishing the Lemony Snicket 'Bad Beginnings' book but will then move onto a chocolate based story. We will learn how to write explanation texts and information texts based on where chocolate comes from and how it is made. We will also touch on healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet.

In Maths we will continue to consolidate all the things we have learnt so far. We will start by looking at the relationship between fractions and decimals and then move onto looking at the area and perimeter of different shapes. We will continue to complete daily calculation to improve the speed and accuracy of quick arithmetic. We need to continue to work on our re call of times tables so will continue to complete Olympic Maths.

In Re we will look at 'Words of Wisdom that Guide us' and we will link these to our school Core Values.

A big thank you to all those children who are spending time completing on-line homework. If you have any problems do not hesitate to come and ask.

Many Thanks Mrs Divine, Mrs Moxon, Miss Harrison and Mrs Webb.

## Spring 2

### Topic

Our Topic this half term is Design Technology based. We are going to design and make our own working lamps, by researching existing products and thinking about how we could improve on these to make our own. Before designing our product we will also look at how electrical circuits work and also who invented the lightbulb. We will write explanation texts and biographies throughout this half term.

### English

We are starting this half term by reading and discussing a wide range of different poems. We will then write our own to perform to the rest of the class focusing on our; volume, intonation, tone and actions. We will then enjoy a whole school poetry performance to end the two week unit of work.

Following this we will be using the book 'The Bad Beginning' from 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' By Lemony Snicket as our hook. Our aim is to use all the skills we have learnt over the year to write; detailed descriptions of characters and settings, diary entries and short stories. Finally we will compare the book and the film and look specifically at how it was filmed.

### Maths

In Maths we will be solving measure, money and time problems involving fractions and decimals to 2 decimal places. We will also read, write and convert time between analogue and digital 12 and 24 hour clocks. Added to this we will find the area and perimeter of shapes.

We will continue to complete Olympic Maths so will be constantly focusing on our times tables.

### Science

In science we will be looking at Electricity through our Topic work.

### PE

We will have swimming lessons every Monday morning. We will also have PE with Velocity on Thursday morning. Please ensure that your child's P.E kit is in school on the correct days and that hair is tied up and any earrings removed or covered.

We will have additional competitive sports afternoons when we will compete against Year 3. These are in addition to the regular PE slots.

### Homework

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### Spring 1

Happy New Year, we hope you have had a fantastic Christmas break and can't wait to see you all again as we embark on our new exciting topics. To start the new half term we will be studying China, as part of the whole school 'One World Week', We will be looking at; traditions, cultures, historic buildings/monuments, Physical and human Geography, animals and food. It will be a fun filled week, followed by a whole school sharing session on Friday.

### Topic

Our main topic this half-term is the Anglo Saxons. We will introduce the topic looking at; Anglo Saxon chronicles, pictures of artefacts, manuscripts and talking about battles. We will then think about what we would like to know more about; armour, battles, daily life and culture and many more things.

### English

In English we are basing all our writing around the old Anglo Saxon story Beowulf, we are using Michael Morpurgo's version. We will work on the use of our descriptive language, sentence structure and punctuation. We will be focusing on develop our skills in planning, drafting, writing and editing stories to improve stories.

### Maths

We will be looking at using and applying addition, subtraction and multiplications in different contexts. We will start to look at division using a variety of practical ways to help with the more standard written methods. We will relook at fractions and then move onto more Shape, Space and Measure work.

### RE

In Re we will be studying the Hindu Faith. We will look at traditions, Gods, festivals and how these compare to the Christian faith.

### Science

In Science we will be investigating sound. We will identify how sounds are made, looking at vibrations. We will find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it and finally investigate why sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

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Trips- We are very excited to be taking part in Young Voices on the 19<sup>th</sup> January.

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## Autumn 2

### **English**

In English, we will be looking at the author Cressida Cowell and her stories all about dragons. We will be focusing on using high level vocabulary to enhance our story writing. We will also be writing poems inspired by our own dragon creations.

### **Maths**

In maths, we will be looking at twelve and twenty four hour time (analogue and digital) and applying this knowledge to answer word problems. We will also be looking at multiplication and division. We will continue our Olympic Maths Challenge. Well done to everyone who got certificates last half term.

### **RE**

In Re, we will continue looking at the 'Words of Wisdom that Guide Us'.

### **Topic**

Our topic this half-term is Dragons. We will be looking at what we already know and exploring things we want to find out. We will look at Myths and Legends and how dragons are viewed in different cultures and countries.

Our Topic will involve lots of Art, where we will explore; line, tone and texture to create our very own dragons. We will create dragon eyes using clay, and then use these to inspire our own poems.

### **Science**

Our Science Topic this half term is Animals including Humans.

### **PE**

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## Autumn 1

Welcome back to the new school year, we are all looking forward to it.

## **English**

In English, we will be looking at Anansi stories from Africa and the Caribbean focusing mainly on story-writing. We will also be writing to persuade – so our apologies if your child comes home using some of their techniques to get new trainers!

## **Maths**

In maths, we will be consolidating our knowledge of place value and using all four operations. We will also be introducing our whole-school Olympic maths challenge which we will be explaining in class.

## **RE**

In Re, we will be looking at words of wisdom that guide us.

## **Topic**

Our topic this half-term is Africa. We will be looking at what we already know and exploring things we want to find out. We will also be exploring African stories. This topic links nicely with our science which is Animals in their habitats.

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