

Summer 2 2019

As we approach our final term in Class 4, we would like to thank all of the children for their hard work this year. You have been fantastic - well done!

This half term we will be starting an exciting new geography topic – Our Wonderful World! As part of this topic, we will not only study the landscape and the environment around our school and the places we live, we will also explore different countries around the world. We will locate these on maps and other media and look closely at their different characteristics, thinking about how these places compare with the landscape around our school.

In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will look at the environment and the impact of changes, such as climate change, on living things and their habitats. We will also think of how we can make a positive impact on living things and their habitats.

In English we will be reading the first book in the series of A Series of Unfortunate Events. We will have a real focus on writing creatively and using description to enhance our writing. In our daily SPaG sessions, we will practise Year 4 spellings and continue to develop our use of conjunctions and complex sentences. We will think carefully about how we can use our language choices to enhance our writing.

In Maths we will be learning about the four operations and how these are used in statistics, we will use concrete resources to deepen our understanding before moving onto formal written methods. We will still have a focus on learning times tables up to 12 x 12 and our learning in class will continue to be supported with the use of TT Rockstars, please encourage children to complete their homework and practise times tables as often as you can.

In R.E we will be answering the question – What faiths make up our community, before moving onto Sikhism. As always, our learning in class is supported by weekly homework set on My maths, TT Rockstars and The Spelling Shed please ensure homework is completed. We also encourage children to complete any additional homework if they choose to do so and welcome children to share this work in class.

Summer 1 2019

This half term our topic will be Chocolate! As part of our Science learning, we will be studying states of matter and learning about how materials can change between the states of solid, liquid and gas. As part of this, we will look at how chocolate can be heated up to become a liquid through the process of melting. In Art and DT we will design our own creation for Charlie's Chocolate factory.

English In English we will be delving into the magical world of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We will be reading this Roald Dahl classic story and analysing the language, structure and features of the text. We will use this as a basis to write our own fantastical stories set in the chocolate factory. Using our Science learning, we will also write an explanation text on how to make a chocolate bar.

Maths In Maths this half term we will continue to practise recalling our multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. Please practise these as often as you can using TT Rockstars as it is important we know these fluently by the end of Year 4. We will also be learning about Angles and Shape and Symmetry before moving on to studying Position and Direction as part of our Geometry work.

Homework As always, work in class is supported by weekly homework sessions which are set on Spelling Shed, My Maths and TT Rockstars. It is important that all children complete their homework every week as this will extend and support their learning in class.

P.E Please ensure that PE kits are kept in school every day as we often do PE on different days of the week. Swimming lessons will continue to take place every Friday.

Spring 2 2019

This half term we will be continuing with our topic learning about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. The children have really enjoyed this topic, learning all about Viking settlements and invasions and the Viking raid on the monastery at Lindisfarne. We will continue this topic throughout this half term learning more about Viking life, artefacts and Viking Gods.

In English we will continue reading Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo and will be using this as a stimulus for our own creative writing. As part of our SPaG learning we will revise using the possessive apostrophe for both singular and plural nouns and we will be using and punctuating direct speech. We will continue to develop our sentence structure, extending our sentences using conjunctions.

In Maths this half term we will be focusing on money, solving problems involving money and revisiting decimals, before moving onto learning about time and how to read and convert between analogue and digital clocks. We will continue to have a focus on learning times tables up to 12x12. Please continue to complete homework set on TT Rockstars as often as you can.

As always, learning is supported in class with weekly homework set on My Maths, TT Rockstars and The Spelling Shed. Please ensure homework is completed.

Spring 1

Young Voices 2019.

On Friday our current Year 4 had the opportunity to be part of the biggest choir in the world Young Voices 2019, the word choir didn't suggest a concert at Sheffield Arena and singing with around 5000 other children plus having the opportunity to sing alongside Britain's got talent gold buzzer star Beau Dermott and 80's legend Tony Hadley was an added bonus. The rehearsal was exciting and conductor David guided us through the programme for the

concert, but when the lights went down and the music started the sound from the arena was electric! a mix of modern and traditional songs were performed to 1000's of proud parents, family and friends.

Year 4 were so excited to see their families in the crowd and sung their hearts out, some had never been in such a large place before reacted with words of excitement throughout, the excitement can still be heard in school today as they are reliving the experience with friends and teachers and these memories will be with them for many years.

Proud parents were overwhelmed at how amazing the children were, comments such as "It was such a good show. It really exceeded my expectations. It must have been such an amazing experience for the kids too!" , "it was brilliant they all did so well"

Our topic this half term is Raiders, Traders and Invaders. We will be learning all about the history surrounding the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons including learning about Viking raids and invasions, Anglo-Saxon settlements and kingdoms and we will also be looking at Anglo-Saxon art and culture.

English

We will begin our topic by reading the text Arthur and the Golden rope by Joe Todd-Stanton. We will use this text to inspire our own descriptive writing, with a focus on developing our sentence structure and use of vocabulary. We will then look at features of non-fiction text types and build up to writing our own newspaper reports.

Maths

This half term we will be learning about shape, fractions, decimals and money before revisiting place value and symmetry. We will introduce these methods using concrete resources, where appropriate, before using and applying formal written methods. We will continue to consolidate and review the four operations through our completion of daily calculations. In Year 4 we have a real focus on times tables – children need to know their tables up to 12x12 by the end of this year. Please encourage children to practise these as often as they can.

Homework

As always, learning is supported in class with weekly homework set on My Maths, TT Rockstars and The Spelling Shed. Please ensure homework is completed. For additional optional homework, please see The Little Book of Things to do at Home for suggestions for activities children may wish to complete and share in class.

P.E

Please ensure correct P.E kit is kept in school at all times as we often do P.E on different days. Swimming lessons will continue to take place every Friday.

Autumn 2

This half term we will be starting an exciting new topic – Dragons! We will be exploring the myths and legends surrounding dragons, looking at how they have been portrayed in both Literature and Art and how we can recreate this in our own work. In Art, we will develop our skills by exploring the use of line, tone and texture and will be creating our very own dragons! As part of our Science work, we will be studying Animals including Humans and will be learning about the Digestive system and Teeth, looking at how the human body breaks down the food we eat.

English

In English we will be reading some dragon inspired texts including stories by the author Cressida Cowell. We will also be writing our own poems inspired by our dragon creations. We will have a real focus on writing creatively and using description to enhance our writing. In our daily SPaG sessions, we will practise Year 4 spellings and develop our use of paragraphing and our use of conjunctions.

Maths

In Maths we will be learning about multiplication and division, using concrete resources to deepen our understanding before using formal written methods. In Year 4 we have a focus on learning times tables up to 12 x 12 and so our learning in class will be supported with the use of TT Rockstars, please encourage children to complete their homework and practise times tables as often as you can. After our work on multiplication and division, we will begin learning about shape and symmetry.

R.E

In R.E we will be answering the question – What words of wisdom can guide us? Homework As always, our learning in class is supported by weekly homework set on My maths, TT Rockstars and The Spelling Shed please ensure homework is completed. We also encourage children to complete any additional homework if they choose to do so and welcome children to share this work in class. For more ideas about this, please see our suggestions in the ‘Little book of things to work on at home.’

P.E Please ensure that P.E kit is kept in school at all times as we often do P.E on different days. We will continue to have weekly swimming sessions every Friday.

Autumn 1 2018

This half term we will be learning about Africa as part of our topic learning. We will learn about African animals, climate, location and important historical figures. In Science we will be studying Living Things and their habitats; exploring animals we might find in our local environment and animals from different places around the world. We will begin to understand the 7 characteristics of living things and look at the different ways animals can be classified. In English, we will look at a selection of African stories including some traditional stories and African fables. We will use these as a basis for writing our own stories.

In Maths this half term we will begin by learning about place value before moving on to addition and subtraction. We will begin using concrete resources to deepen our understanding of these concepts before moving on to using formal written methods. We will then look at measurement including perimeter and length. As part of our everyday maths lessons, we will complete daily calculations which will ensure children are able to practise problems involving the four operations every day. This year we will be having a real focus on times tables and learning these up to 12x12. Please practise these as often as you can.

Try to read for pleasure as regularly as you can. If you have read a book that you have really enjoyed, you could write a book recommendation for your friends that can be kept in our book area.

In R.E this half term we will be answering the question – what words of wisdom can guide us?

This half term we will be having swimming lessons on a Friday morning. Please ensure that an appropriate swimming kit is brought to school every Friday. We will also be having P.E lessons with Velocity on a Thursday afternoon and competitive games on selected Wednesdays so please keep P.E kit in school every day. Homework Every week children will be set Maths homework on My Maths and TT Rockstars and English homework on The Spelling Shed website. Please encourage children to complete their homework.