

Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. This is how the curriculum looks for this term.

Subject	Focus
English	Stories with issues is the focus for this term's work, with Jacqueline Wilson's <i>The Suitcase Kid</i> . The children will consider how the writers have conveyed information about their character through the use of inference. They will use this in their own work, writing a story and poetry based on a range of issues they have identified. The children will find out about Jacqueline Wilson, including using her website. They will write a blurb, tell a story in postcards, formulate questions and do further work on grammatical features.
Maths	The children will begin this term consolidating and extending their ability to identify place value and round large numbers. They will also complete a wide variety of problem solving tasks involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will become confident with handling statistics and will complete further work on geometry, including area, perimeter and angle as the term progresses.
Science	In Science our new topic is 'Living Things'. The children will be building upon their existing knowledge in this area and we will be completing practical work around the identification of vertebrates and invertebrates, using identification keys. Our trip to The Wolseley Centre in May is linked to our work on this topic.
Topic	Our topic for the Summer Term is 'Village Life.' We will begin by identifying the key features of a village and locating these on a range of different maps. Children will build their map skills by navigating using four and six figure grid references, measuring the distance between points using a map's scale and creating a map using symbols and keys. Furthermore, we will compare local villages with those in a different continent, move using the eight points on a compass and design our own eco-village.
R.E.	This term our learning focus will be 'Living by Rules'. We will be looking in detail at the Ten Commandments and assessing the importance of maintaining self-discipline.
P.E.	In P.E. this term the children will be building their skills in a selection of outdoor games. They will be further improving their cricket skills as well as developing their technique in a number of athletics events. The children will all have the opportunity to attend a Cricket Festival alongside other local schools. Please make sure that your child has their full P.E. kit in school at all times, including trainers.

Children will also have weekly keyboard lessons.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

- One piece of homework will be handed out each Friday, to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. Homework will usually contain a piece of English or Maths although occasionally a Topic piece may be given out.
- The children will also get spellings to learn on a weekly basis. Spellings will be handed out on Friday, alongside children's homework, to be learnt for a test the following Friday. As a way of learning spellings, I would recommend getting your child to use them within written sentences. Not only does this help with spelling the words, but also puts the words into context, builds your child's vocabulary and develops their sentence structure.
- Each child should be reading frequently at home and children will have the opportunity to change their reading book every day.

Diary Dates

- 26th April Warwickshire Cricket Sessions commence
- 11th May Y4 Trip to Wolseley Bridge Nature Centre
- 7th June Y4 Cricket Festival trip
- 8th June Inspire Workshop

Thank you for your continued support throughout this year. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Mr D. Wigley