Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 - Spring 1

Reading

In Reading this term, we will be focusing on all the reading skills, looking in detail at the vocabulary that has been used in a text and why certain vocabulary was chosen.

Writing

We will be writing traditional tale narratives, using the text 'Usborne 1001 Arabian Nights'. We will then be writing our own dual purpose wildlife adventures using the text 'Atlas of Animal adventures'.

Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on measurement, length, perimeter and fractions.

Science

In Chemistry, we will be learning about particle models. We will be investigating the effect of temperature on the rate of evaporation. We will also be locating solids, liquids and gases in our school environment.

Design & Technology

We will be learning about Pulleys. We will be using pulleys and levers to create a video that shares a message.

Computing

We will be learning about data and information.

<u>History</u>

In History, our topic is Early Islamic Civilisation. We will be learning about how knowledge was developed and shared across different civilisations.

Music

In music, we will be continuing to learn to play the trumpet.

PHSE

We will be learning how to keep ourselves safe. Questioning, how do I manage risks in my life? What is self-control? What is the difference between legal and illegal drugs? Are all drugs harmful?

RE

In RE we will be learning Christianity,
Islam and Humanism. Our focus will be
How do people think about poverty,
justice & self-sacrifice? The meaning of
poverty & relative poverty and the
meaning of justice and everyday selfsacrifice.

Other Information

PE days:

- Owl Thursday
- Falcon Thursday
- Kestrel Thursday

Children should come to school in their PE kit on their PE day.

Homework:

- Please read with your child at least three times a week and record it in their online reading record.
- Children will complete quizzes on their reading books weekly.
- Times Tables can be practiced on Times Table Rock Stars.
- There are also hundreds of books available to read on MyOn.
- Spellings will be sent home a week in advance for children to practice at home in preparation for our Friday spelling test.