

English

This term the children will be reading: 'The Ladder' and 'Old Coyote'.

In our writing, we will be focussing on:

- Organising paragraphs around a theme
- In narratives, creating settings, characters and plot
- Proof-reading for spelling and punctuation errors
- Using fronted adverbials
- Using inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech
- Using a range of sentences with more than one clause
- Using expanded noun phrases which use modifying adjectives and prepositional phrases

They will take part in guided reading where they will work to develop their comprehension skills, focussing on:

- Developing positive attitudes to reading
- Understanding what they read,
- Retrieving and recording information from non-fiction
- Participating in discussion about books

They will also develop their speaking and listening skills through a range of drama activities such as hot-seating and role-plays.

Important Dates

Friday 6th October – Year 4 Roman Day

Tuesday 10th October – Hello Yellow Day

Wednesday 18th October – Year 4 Flu Nasal Spray

Wednesday 18th October 5pm-6:30pm Parents Evening.

Thursday 19th October 3:30-5pm - Parents Evening.

Friday 20th October – Break up for Half Term

Monday 31st October – School opens

Tuesday 14th November – Individual photos

Wednesday 13th December – Year 4 Christmas production

Tuesday 19th December - Year 4 Christmas Party.

Friday 22nd December – School Closes

Art/D.T./Music

In Art we will be learning about Roman Mosaics and then designing and making our own from tiles.

In DT we will be researching, designing and making Roman catapults. We will then evaluate our models.

In Music we will sing songs from memory with accurate pitch, improvise using repeated patterns, use notations to record compositions in small groups and perform a simple part rhythmically.

Science

Our first Science topic is Electricity. We will be identifying electrical appliances, making electrical circuits and investigating common electrical conductors and insulators. Pupils will also be taking part in Forest School activities.

Computing

During the term, children will focus on how the Internet works and how to use it effectively and safely.

They will also learn how to edit photos and create their own 'Dream' photo.

Maths

The children will learn to:

- Read, write 4-digit numbers and know what each digit represents; compare 4-digit numbers using < and > and place on a number line.
- Learn \times and \div facts for the 6 and 9 times-table and identify patterns.
- Multiply 2-digit numbers by single-digit numbers.
- Tell and write the time to the minute on analogue and digital clocks; calculate time intervals;
- Measure in metres, centimetres and millimetres; convert lengths between units; record using decimal notation.
- Add and subtract pairs of 3-digit numbers using column addition and subtraction.

The children will also complete weekly mental maths and mental arithmetic tests to apply their mental strategies and written methods.

How you can help!

- Please listen to your child read and record a comment on their reading card.
- Please help your child complete their learning log homework each week.
- Please help your child to practise their spellings.

History/Geography

This term we will be learning about the Romans and the work will include:

- Plotting events from British history on a timeline.
- Researching the Romans and why they invaded Britain.
- Finding out about the power of the Roman army.
- Researching the characteristics of a Roman soldier.
- Learning about Boudicca.
- Finding out about what the Romans have done for us.
- Learning about Hadrian's Wall.
- Designing and making a Roman mosaic.

In the second half term, we will also be learning about the Anglo Saxons where we will include:

- Roman withdrawal from Britain in c. AD 410 and the fall of the western Roman Empire
- Scots invasions from Ireland to north Britain (now Scotland)
- Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements and kingdoms: place names and village life
- Anglo-Saxon art and culture
- Christian conversion – Canterbury, Iona and Lindisfarne



P.E.

In swimming, the children will attend weekly lessons at Salendine Nook swimming pool where they will develop their swimming techniques and knowledge of water safety.

In outdoor PE, the children will learn how to develop their throwing and catching skills and then apply these in game situations.