

Year 4 Newsletter – 2019 Summer Term

Literacy

This term we will begin Unit 5 of our Literacy and Language programme. As well as focusing on handwriting, grammar and punctuation, we will spend more time improving our reading comprehension skills. We will continue to use Spelling Shed in preparation for our weekly spelling tests.

Numeracy

In the summer term, we shall be revisiting some of the more challenging topics covered earlier this year. We will look again at fractions, decimals, division, word problems, converting between units of measurement and of course times tables!



History & Geography

Our topic for this term is World War 2. We will find out about what it was like for children to live during this conflict. We will look at how rationing affected what food was available and the effect evacuation had on many families in Britain.

We will also consider why countries went to war in this way and how the geography of Europe was changed forever as a result.

Reading Challenge

A new reading challenge will be introduced this term by Mr. Reilly. This challenge will include new additions to our class library that have been kindly donated by pupils.

Religious Education

Following on from the Easter Story, pupils will consider the concept of salvation and its connection to the Christian faith. We will also focus on the idea of the Kingdom of God, and how Christians believe they can participate in it.



Music

We will be perfecting our ukulele skills this term in the hope that we can perform a wide range of songs by July!

Science

In science, we shall continue our work with electricity, including creating our own circuit experiments, and will also investigate the pitch, volume and strength of sounds and vibrations.

Design & Technology

In Design & Technology, we will focus on the how inventions such as Morse code and the gas mask impacted upon the lives of children living during World War 2.

Computing

We will return to the Scratch website to learn more about computer programming and debugging. We will use our reasoning and logic skills to determine why a program may be malfunctioning and how we can resolve the problem.

Please see the Year 4 summer term Learning Journey on the school website for detailed information about the learning objectives that will be covered in class this term.

Spanish

In Spanish, we will continue to add to our vocabulary of Spanish words by looking at rooms in our houses, pastimes and words that we can use in everyday classroom situations. We will incorporate these into simple conversations that we develop together in class.

Physical Education

In the summer term we will continue with gym and swimming sessions, as well as athletics and cricket lessons. Please remember to wear your sports kit to school on Tuesdays - blue shorts, white t shirt and either your school sweatshirt or sports hoody.



Homework

Literacy and Numeracy homework, including spellings, will be set each Monday. This homework will be handed in for marking on Friday, when spellings will also be tested.



Residential Trip

The Year 4 residential trip will take place from Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th May. Pupils will participate in a variety of exciting activities including archery, canoeing, caving and raft building.