



Year 4

Summer Term 2019

Literacy

In Literacy, in preparation for our visit to the Barnes Literacy Festival, we will be studying and learning poems by *Roger McGouch* inspiring us to write our own versions. Linking with our Scotland Topic, we will be writing an information text on the Loch Ness Monster. After half term our reading and writing will be based on the book *Varjak Paw* by SF Said. There are two books in this SF Said sequel, which are excellent reads, so if you wanted to purchase your child a brilliant book this year, this is an ideal choice for Year 4.

Don't forget our Spelling Bee Competition – learn 15 new words each week to stand a chance to be the Year group spelling champion!

Mathematics:

During our maths lessons this term, we will be focussing on these 5 topics:

- Money
- Mass, Volume and Length
- Area of figures
- Geometry
- Position and Movement

Alongside this we will be practising our arithmetic and time table skills.

RE:

In the summer term we will be studying approaches to life, rites of passage, Ascension and Pentecost in the Christian faith. We will also be discovering the importance of prayer in a range of religions including Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism and Buddhism.

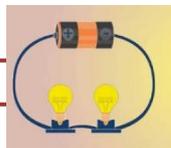


Scotland:

Our topic this term is studying Scotland and comparing it in the Anglo Saxons/Romans times to today. We will be studying the human and physical features to where we live. During the second half of the term we will be exploring where we live, the locality of the school and who it has changed over time. We will be using compass points and grid references to locate different places.

Science:

Our science this term is focused on electricity. We will learning to make and draw circuits, discovering which materials can act as conductors and insulators and using our knowledge to make a model that has a working light or buzzer.



Computing:

In this unit, the children work together to design a simple toy that incorporates sensors and outputs and then create an on-screen prototype of their toy in a programme called Scratch. Finally, they pitch their toy idea to a *Dragons' Den*-style panel. Who will win, we wonder?



PE:

This term, the children will have an exciting opportunity to learn cricket. They will also further develop their skills in Real PE. Their focus will be applying physical skills and after half term, Health and Fitness. We will also be focusing on Athletics and improving our skills in throwing, jumping and running. Children will also be looking to practise the skills needed at this year's Sports Day.



Art & DT:

Our focus in both art and DT will be textiles. This will include dyeing fabrics so discover which fabric works best for different purposes. We will then explore printing and stitching in the style of the Scottish artist *Charles Rennie MacKintosh* with a view to making a class tapestry. Finally we will study Scottish tartan and design our own.

Reminders:

Twitter: @BrookfieldSM3. Check here for regular updates.

Topaz and Amethyst local walk trip: date to be confirmed
Topaz and Amethyst Barnes Literacy Festival: 8.5.19

Topaz class assembly – Thursday 13th June 2019.

If you are available to listen to readers, help out on school trips, or if you have knowledge of any of our topics that you would be willing to share with Year 4 please speak to your child's class teacher.

PSHE:

Our topics are 'Health and Hygiene' and 'Feelings and Relationships'. We will consider what is a balanced diet and how we have changed and developed since we were babies and describe some ways in which they will change in the future. We will explore our feelings and how we behave.