

Year 4 Newsletter - Spring 1 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. Our half term topic for Spring 1 is Heritage and Culture. Read on to find out what we will be learning! We will be having a dress up day on Friday 3rd February. Get your Roman costumes ready!

Attendance

Magpie: 90.5% Owl: 92.3%
Target: 97.5%

English



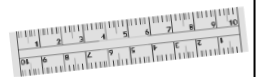
The teaching of reading continues with daily work focusing on comprehension, vocabulary understanding and understanding how the author/poet is conveying their meaning through text. We will be looking closely at inference and deduction as part of our VIPERS lessons. We will focus our sessions on 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. The children will also be learning 'The Mrs Butler Blues' poem by heart. Our writing lessons will be linked to the key text for this half term. The children will be focusing on the key skills needed to write a narrative about a journey, as well as writing a diary entry and a letter. Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly and are linked to our phonological and morphological teaching and learning of spelling. The children's reading books are also linked to an app on their iPads called Accelerated Reader. Please encourage your child to complete a quiz to show their understanding once they have finished reading a text.

Science

As scientists, we will be learning about what recycling and global warming are. We will also be asking the following scientific questions:

- What are everyday materials made from?
- What is recycling?
- What is a life cycle assessment?
- What is global warming?
- What is climate change?

Numeracy



Number - multiplication and division

- recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12
- use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying by 0 and 1; dividing by 1; multiplying together 3 numbers
- recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations
- multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout
- solve problems involving multiplying and dividing, including using the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by 1 digit, and integer scaling problems.

Measurement- Area

- convert between different units of measure
- measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres
- find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares

As theologians

In RE this half term, our focus will now be upon Arts and Literature in Hinduism. This will link in with our Art topic where we will be looking at tessellations.

As musicians

We will be listening to and creating our own songs with an antibullying message using Stop! This is a song/rap written in a Grime style for us to compose our own lyrics.

As historians

As historians, we will be learning about the Roman Empire and its influence over the world we live in today.



As geographers

We will be looking at the impact that humans have had on the Earth by learning about how civilisation has changed over time.

As computer scientists

In computing this half term, we will be learning how to make animations using the tasks set on code.org linked to Dance Party. They will also improve existing code by finding areas of repetition and moving them into looping structures. The children will also have an E-safety day.

Heritage and Culture

Mandarin

In Mandarin this half term we will be looking at describing food and tastes as well as numbers 1-10.

As artists

In Art we will be learning about the use of positive and negative space to create a tessellation collage. The children will learn about the artist M. C. Escher and how he was influenced by the mathematical tessellations in architecture from Alhambra in Spain.

As athletes

PE this half term will be provided by some professional cricket coaches. The children will have the opportunity to learn core skills to play cricket successfully. We will also practice object control with a tactical approach.

As good citizens

In PSHE we will be managing risks in our lives, the habit of being Self Controlled, and the differences between legal and illegal drugs.

Notices and reminders

- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on MONDAY each week.
- Your child will be set two tasks each week in addition to their expected daily reading. Your child will be given a sheet in their homework book which will explain what the tasks are. Both tasks will need recording in the homework book. The homework is generally a reinforcement of the week's learning that has taken place.
- Homework will be given out every Friday and needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday at the latest.
- Please read with your child every day and initial your child's comments.
- Please ensure your child's iPad is in school every day and fully charged as these are used to support learning daily.
- We are in the process of booking an exciting school trip linked to our work on the Romans - look out for details in due course. We will give plenty of notice so we can assemble volunteers for the outing.

Thank you for your support, as always.

Year 4 Team

Magpie

Class Teacher: Ms Bakosi

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Davis

Owl

Class Teacher: Miss Binns