

Curriculum Newsletter - Year 4 Summer 1



Buckingham –Mrs Rose (Monday- Wednesday) and Mrs Talbot (Thursday- Friday)
Blenheim- Miss Chambers

English

Our main writing focus for the first half of the summer term will be on writing a story based on another culture and a 1st person diary entry. For these genres we will look at the main features in depth before applying the features in our own independent pieces.

Reading

In reading, we are going to be looking at extracts from texts such as 'The River'; 'The River That Flows Beside Me'; 'Oliver and the Seawigs' as well as extracts from non-fiction texts based on the water cycle.

Maths

We are going to be continuing our exploration of decimals in the summer term where will begin by looking at decimal numbers explicitly before moving on to see how this looks to our understanding of money.

Science

We are going to be concentrating on classification of living things in this half term's unit, including both animals and plants. Towards the end of the half term, we will be moving on to find out all about sound.

History

Building on from all of our prior learning about the Roman Empire, we are going to look more closely at how the Roman's have impacted on life in Britain as we know it.

Geography

Once we have finished our studies linking to volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes we are going to begin finding out about the Water Cycle – what it is and how it works.

PSHE

Citizenship and economic well being will be our focus for PSHE as we aim to look at real-life situations and help to introduce the children to some life-skills that will prove important as the children get older.

RE

In our RE lessons, we will be looking at the question "Why is the bible the bestselling book of all time?" as we look to improve our understanding of the Christian religion even more following on from our previous topics.

Art

Our new topic for art is going to be 3D art and collages where we will be looking at how to make accurate observations of anatomical structures and details. We will also aim to use techniques to help us manipulate wire and fabric to construct 3D sculptures

DT

We are going to be finishing our learning based on different types of structures and what shapes are the strongest and most stable when it comes to building.

PE

As the weather hopefully starts to warm up and brighten up, we will be taking part in more summer sports such as athletics and OAA.

Music

We are going to be finishing our learning based on the Japanese cherry blossom festival and creating/performing some of our own Haikus. We will then move on to discover samba music with links to carnival sounds and instruments

Computing

We are going to be exploring different types of data handling in our next topic for Computing where we will use new software to help us look at how we can present data.

Spanish

This half term we will be finding out how to describe the weather in Spanish and use new words and phrases to help us present our very own weather forecast.

