



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 1

Maths

This half term, we shall be recapping on our knowledge of the relationship between fractions and decimals, focusing on hundredths and begin to make the link between this and $\div 10$ and $\div 100$ with larger numbers. Once our knowledge of decimals is secure, we can then begin to apply the skills we have learnt by order, comparing and rounding them.

English

During this term, we will be looking at the story called “The Vanishing Rainforest”. We shall be comparing the story to other stories from other cultures and use our knowledge from this to write a non-chronological report about rainforests and deforestation.

Science

In Science, we will be focusing on the topic of Sound. We will be looking at sound as a vibration and be experimenting about how we can make loud/quiet and high/low sounds, using a variety of different objects and instruments.

Art / DT

For our Art unit, we are going to making tie-dye t-shirts. We will be using a variety of techniques to create different textural effects and can modify thread and fabrics using techniques such as knotting, fraying, twisting and stitching.

History

In this unit, our focus is on the Mayans. We will research about how they lived, what they are famous for and how they shaped modern civilisations.

PE

This half term, we shall be focusing on Athletics, looking at the key skills involved with running and jumping (for height and distance), and begin to apply it into different athletics events.

PHSE

We shall be focusing on “How can I keep my body safe?”. We will cover topics such as staying safe, trusting our “gut feelings”, the NSPCC Pants Rule and when it is appropriate to keep or tell a secret.

RE

This unit’s big question is: “Who Inspires Me?”. We shall look at people such as Ghandi, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Gladys Aylward.

Music

Linking with our Mayans topic, we will be focusing on Samba music. We will learn where it originates from, identify any stylistic features used in Samba and play a syncopated rhythm, using instruments used in Samba.

Computing

Our focus for this half term will be on “Is everything safe online?”. We shall learn about different security symbols, how to identify scam websites, discuss identity theft online and discuss plagiarism. We will also be researching about our own “screen time balance” when at home.

Important Information

- PE days will be mentioned on our ClassDojo page at the start of the half term. Your child may come to school in their PE kit on these days.
- It is important that your child reads at least 3 times a week and their reading log is signed and brought to school or sent via a picture on ClassDojo.
- Please complete the homework each week and upload to ClassDojo – if you need a paper copy, ask your class teacher.