



Year 4 – Sycamore Class

Spring term

Welcome back to a new term. The spring term in Year 4 is always full of exciting activities alongside our broad and balanced curriculum.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on fractions and time. We will also be continuing with daily Fluent in Five sessions as well as a range of additional reasoning activities to develop our mental arithmetic and problem-solving skills. We will also be using 'Times Table Rock Stars' in class and for online homework. Your child will be expected to know all multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and all-corresponding division facts. Please support your child by practicing regularly with them.

English

In English this term, we will be focusing on a wide range of writing genres, including myth narrative writing and information reports. We will be using 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd-Stanton as our stimulus text. There will also be cross-curricular writing opportunities linked to other subjects, including history, as well as independent writing once per half term based on a familiar genre. In addition to this, pupils will have grammar, spelling and comprehension lessons in order to develop and support their comprehension skills, spelling strategies, punctuation and grammar understanding. We will also be continuing with our accelerated reader programme. Pupils have all completed their star reading test and have been given a 'zpd'. They have all chosen a book to fit their reading ability which will provide appropriate challenge in order to move them forward. Your child has also been given a reading journal, which they complete as they are enjoying their book; please ensure that they continue to journal at home. They will then complete a quiz on their book in school. Please ensure that your child has both their book and journal in school every day as we will have daily accelerated reading sessions in class.

Science

We are excited to be continuing with our Haringey Education Partnership lessons. This half term we will be focusing on 'Sound.' Children will have opportunities to plan and carry out scientific investigations that will help them to understand more about the topic being taught. This will be followed after half-term by a unit of work on 'Living Things and Their Habitats'.

History and Geography

Our first history unit for this term is 'Roman Britain,' where children will learn about Ancient Britons, rebellion (including Boudicca), a Roman town and the Celtic language and culture, as well as developing their understanding of continuity and change. Next half term we will be studying 'Christianity in Three Empires,' focusing on the cities of Rome, Constantinople and Adulis (in the African Empire of Aksum).

Our first Geography topic is 'Coastal Processes and Landforms', where the children will learn about erosion, the Jurassic coast and coastal habitats. This will be followed by 'Tourism', looking at the impact of tourism on a seaside town and Wales. The children will also further develop their understanding of location as well as their map skills, looking at 4-figure grid references and a range of map symbols.

Wider Curriculum

Year 4 will learn Spanish and will be continuing with our 1Decision PSHE sessions. Pupils will take part in discussions and activities designed to make them think and offer a way to open up a child's learning through enquiry and exploration of ideas. This term, we will be focusing on website design in Computing and following the Sefton Music Service 'Charanga' programme for Music. Our RE topics this term are both based on Christianity, looking at 'The Life and Teachings of Jesus' and 'Easter'. In Design Technology we will be looking at cooking and nutrition and in our Art lessons, we will explore painting and mixed media.

PE

This term, PE lessons will take place on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. This term we will be focusing on Dance and OAA (outdoor and adventurous activities). Please ensure that your child has their full indoor and outdoor school PE kits with them ready for their PE lessons.

Homework

This term your child should spend time working on their multiplication and division facts on 'Times Table Rockstars'. Pupils will be given their log on details. Your child should also ensure that they read and journal each night, ready to quiz on their book in school. The children will also be set online homework in English and Maths.

Please feel free to come and have a chat if there is anything you think we should know or you would like help with. Year 4 Drop in day is on a Thursday after school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Bartels – Year 4 teacher