



# Year 4 Spring Term

A big hello to everyone. The children are now nicely settled in and focussed on making good progress in their learning. In the first half-term we will focus on history. This will be followed by geography and art during the second half of the Spring term.

## Maths

In Year 4 we have focussed on fractions and decimals since Christmas. We have learned how to find equivalent fractions, how to add and subtract fractions and how to use Bar Models to help solve problems.

After the half-term we will add and subtract decimal numbers before starting a number of weeks looking at Geometry. In this work we will look at the properties of shapes, the types of angles and the symmetry of shapes.

Also, we will continue to focus on improving our times table knowledge, with a special focus on the tables that we have already learned: 2x 3x 4x 5x 8x 9x and 10x.

## English

This term's English will focus on classic texts from the author Robert Louis Stevenson. This will be followed by both setting and character descriptions as well as narratives.

The children will be encouraged to use a variety of vocabulary, conjunctions, openers and punctuation (VCOP) to enable them to make their writing exciting, ensuring it engages the reader.

Furthermore, we will continue to work on spelling, grammar and punctuation skills (SPAG) throughout the year during our daily OMS.

## Science

In Science the children will be learning about states of matter. They will be exploring different solids, liquids and gases where they will learn about the water cycle, heating, freezing, melting, etc. The children will be carrying out experiments to explore this subject.

## Religious Education

The children have been learning about Jesus and why some people regard him as inspirational. We have seen how he was described and how he has been represented. We have explored some stories about his life and we have looked at his parables and teachings.

## Art

In Art the children will be learning about 'Natural Forms'. We will be using our environment to aid our learning. Our focus will be texture, line drawings, repeat patterns and colour.

## Geography

Our topic for Geography will be 'Asia', focusing on China.

## P.E

This term the children will have a variety of PE taught by Soccer 2000. They will have a lesson of gymnastics once a week as well as a lesson of games.

## History

Our topic for History will be exploring the impact of the Vikings on Britain.

## Music

Children will continue to develop their musical skills by learning drumming with our new music teacher.

## Computing

The children will be developing their skills on a range of programmes. After the half-term we will be focusing on coding with ongoing learning surrounding internet safety.

## MFL

In Year 4 the children will continue to learn Spanish. We will be looking at revising the colours, learning the names for the parts of the body and names for family members, as well as improving our pronunciation.

