

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2 2019

Dear Parents,

Below is an outline of what we will be covering in Year 4 over the second half of the Autumn term.

RE - 'From Advent to Christmas'

We will be exploring how the Bible portrays the birth of Jesus and how we prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent

English-

'Fables' - During our work on Fables we will discuss the moral messages and write some fables of our own.

'Newspaper reports and diary entries' - linked to Tudor topics children will explore the features of both news reports and diary entries and will create a newspaper report based on a Tudor event. They will write a diary entry as Anne Boleyn.

'Image Poetry' - In our Poetry topic we will look at how similes and metaphors can be used to create powerful images.

Spelling/Grammar/Punctuation

We will continue to work on the year 4 spellings using the Oxford Owl scheme. A list of spellings will be sent home weekly and your child should practise them in preparation for the following week's dictation.

Maths

Addition and Subtraction - use the formal written method of column addition and subtraction up to 4-digits. Estimate and use the inverse to check answers. Word problems involving addition and subtraction.

Measurement - Conversion between units of measure (Km to m, hours to minutes). Measure and calculate perimeters.

Multiplication and Division - continue with practising times tables. Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Multiplying and dividing by 2 and 1. Multiplying and dividing by 6, 9, and 7. 11 and 12 times tables. Multiplying two digit and three digit numbers by a one digit number using the formal

method. Divide by using the short division method without remainders. The focus this half term is the 7x tables.

It is essential the children learn their times tables daily as they will be the first year group in 2020 to complete the National times tables assessment - the children are required to know all times tables from 2-12

Topic Work

'The Tudors' We will continue with our Tudor topic and explore the differences between rich and poor people in Tudor times. We will look at Tudor life (clothing, food, entertainment, punishment) and we will also look at the changes that Henry VIII's divorce brought to England. Art and DT will be linked to the Tudor topic and to Christmas.

Science

Our topic is 'Animals including Humans'. We will be learning about the main body parts associated with the digestive system, for example, mouth, tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach and small and large intestine. We will also be learning about teeth and comparing the teeth of carnivores and herbivores, and suggesting reasons for differences.

PE/Games

Invasion Games - In netball, children will focus on controlling and receiving. They will develop their netball skills and learn how to use these skills in a game.

Computing

We will continue to use Scratch software to design, write and debug programs and we will also use 'Lego We Do' to create an interactive toy.

Trips

Hampton Court - see emailed letter. Tuesday 5th November.

We hope you find this information useful and helpful in supporting your child at home. If you have any questions or can share any of your own expertise please do not hesitate to ask!

The Year 4 Team