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Year 4

Newsletter

What we have been up to:

In Year 4 we have been.....

learning about states of matter in science, by understanding the differences between solids, liquids and gases. This has included freezing a variety of liquids and then seeing whether or not they did in fact freeze!



In English we have been studying different styles of poetry and have created our own dragon poetry which is now on display in Block 2- come and have a look!

In maths we have been completing reasoning activities to consolidate our understanding of place value and negative numbers. This has involved using concrete resources to aid our learning.



In Topic, we have enjoyed exploring and learning about South America, including using a variety of map types. As a year group we have made a huge collage map of all the countries to further enhance the children's Geography knowledge.

Core Curriculum:

English

In English next half term we will be completing our own 'story with a dilemma' before moving onto explanation texts. We will look at features using the book 'Until I Met Dudley'. Children will create their own 'teacher pleaser machine' and then write an explanation text for this.

Maths

Pupils will be moving on from place value, addition and subtraction to look at measurement, focusing on perimeter. From this, we will move onto multiplication and division using formal methods. Our practice of our times tables will really come in handy here so we will continue to practice our rolling tables at the start of each lesson and use 'Times Tables Rockstars' to improve our speed of recall.

Science

In science we will move onto the topic of sound. We are going to be identifying how sounds are made, how our ear interprets sounds, identify patterns, consider the impact of distance from a source of sound and record our findings in a range of ways.

Other areas of the Curriculum:

Computing

Year 4 will be creating their own comics on iPads.

Music

In music, we will be using a range of instruments including the glockenspiel to accompany our 'Mamma Mia' appreciation. We will also be learning Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas concert.

PE

In PE we will be starting a dance unit and for our invasion games, Year 4 will be developing their hockey skills and game strategies.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit for this time of year.

PSHCE

The children will be working on understanding and managing their feelings. We will be considering what we can do to manage the impact of our feelings and what we can do about our worries.

RE

Next half term, we will be exploring festivals and family life important to Muslims.

Topic

We will start a theme that is new to Year 4 - the Mayans. This will include working with patterns and geometric shapes and creating Mayan sun art.

Reminders/Key dates:

Autumn term

4 September - 20 December

Training day

18 October

Parents' Evening

15 and 17 October

Flu vaccinations

29 October

Non-Uniform Day

17 October

Children in Need

15 November

Christmas Fayre

7 December

Panto - Milton Keynes

11 December

Christmas Performance

17 December - 9.30am

Christmas Performance

18 December - 2.00pm

Christmas Jumper Day

20 December



Topic

The Mayans

