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Year 4

Newsletter

What we have been up to:

In Year 4 we have been.....

settling back to school routines well.

We were very lucky to receive a visit from a string quartet from Bedford Music Hub and we all loved it!

Core Curriculum:

English

We have started this half-term looking at an adapted version of the Poem 'Still I Rise' by Maya Angelou. We have been working towards writing our own poem about bullying and resilience. We will also be watching the short film 'The Dragon Slayer', looking at the features and then using these skills to plan and write out our own stories.

Finally, we will be writing letters, using the story 'The Gardener' as our starting point.

Maths

We begin the year revising and developing our knowledge of place value. This unit of work explores; numbers up to 10,000 on a number line, rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 and 1000, adding 1, 10 and 100 more or less, comparing and ordering numbers, partitioning

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numbers into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones, counting in 25s and reading roman numerals.

For more details, take a look at the [White Rose Maths website](#).

Science

Our science topic for this half term is 'The States of Matter'. We will be learning about solids, liquids and gases. We will investigate how solids can turn into liquids, make observations of frozen liquids, set up a competitive test of evaporation, explore condensation and learn how evaporation and condensation fit into the water cycle

Other areas of the Curriculum:

Performing Arts

In Year 4 pupils study Performing Arts on a rotation. Pupils will have two terms of music, a half term of drama and a half term of dance.

In drama and dance lessons, pupils are exploring stories shared across the world. Pupils are learning how to rehearse and perform with a script and apply characterisation skills (voice, body language and facial expression) to tell a believable story to the audience. In dance, pupils will be learning and creating choreography from Ancient Greece. Exploring different dynamics to show specific characteristics.

In music, pupils will be learning how to rehearse and perform a variety of songs. Learning an instrument is an important life-long skill so in addition to the above pupils will be learning the ukulele through the whole class

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recorder orchestra.

Performing arts will be taught by: **Miss Green, Mr Serino & Miss Hutchings.**

Computing

Our computing focus for the start of the year is internet safety. We will learn how to use technology safely and responsibly, recognize unacceptable online behaviour and identify ways to report concerns.

PSHCE

Our topic is 'Being Me in the World'. Learning about what a good team member and citizen looks like. This topic focuses on behavior, rights and responsibilities.

RE

This term we are learning about Sikhism and how faith is expressed in Sikh communities and traditions. We will identify key beliefs in Sikhism, find out about Sikh stories and sacred texts, understand the values within the Sikh community, find out about Gurdwaras in Bedford & Luton and make links between our own and Sikh ideas and values.

Geography

We kick off the year learning about South America. We will be using atlases to find South America and identify and label countries, learning about co-ordinates, creating sketch maps of Rio de Janeiro and we will be exploring famous landmarks in South America. We will also be finding out about festivals and customs, building a fact-file and creating a brochure.

Art

Frida Kahlo is our focus artist for our art lessons. We will be examining some of her paintings and discuss her use of colour and how the images make us feel. We will be using Kahlo's portraits as inspiration for our own self portraits using sketching pencils to draw facial features.

French

This half term we will recap the numbers 1-12 and learn the numbers 13-31 in order to start telling the date.

Reminders/Key dates:

Autumn term

6 September - 17 December

Training day

22 October

Half term

25 October - 29 October

Bike to school week

(week commencement)

27 September

Virtual London Marathon.

Support the PTA team!

3 October

Parents' evening

19 October & 21 October

Please ensure your child is doing

5 minutes of 'Times Tables

Rock Stars' every day.

Spelling tests are on Fridays.

The Year 4 team are:

Mrs Collacott (4 Tigers)

Miss Allen (4 Lions)

Miss McAteer (4 Leopards)