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Year 4

Newsletter

What we have been up to:

In Year 4 we have been...

singing beautifully for our Carols on the Playground!

Year 4 all sang wonderfully for our carol concert on the playground, and were heard by many in the surrounding streets. We are very proud of them all!

Visiting the Pantomime!

We joined the rest of Primary in a trip to the Panto to see 'Dick Whittington'. This was a great Christmas treat!

Making Mayan hot chocolate!

As an end of topic treat, we made and drank hot chocolate – Mayan style. This consisted of chocolate powder, chilli powder and cinnamon!

Mayan Inspired Artwork



Curriculum:

English

This half term in English, we will be learning about performance poetry and narrative writing based on myths and legends. We will look at, and learn about, the different features of each of these text types and learn how to use them in our writing, with the end goal of writing our own piece of performance poetry and narrative.

Maths

We will be continuing our exploration of multiplying and dividing, initially concentrating on the 11 and 12 times tables and factor pairs. We will then be learning to multiply by 2 and 3 digits numbers, using informal and formal methods. We will move onto division of larger numbers, using partitioning and exchange to support us.

Towards the end of the half term we will learn about finding the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares. Finally, we will begin a topic about fractions.

Science

This half term in science we will be looking at 'Electricity'. This will involve exploring circuits, looking at electrical components and safety. For this topic we will be completing a lot of practical lessons and even creating our own fan.

Curriculum:

Computing

We will be introducing the children to 'Scratch' – software that enables us to begin to program using drag and drop blocks. We will work with variables and various forms of input and output and we will learn to 'debug' programs by correcting our errors.

Personal Development

For personal development this half term we will be looking at 'Dreams and Goals'.

RE

In RE we will be considering how and why people try to make the world a better place. We will explore this theme by making connections across different religions including Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and also to those without a particular faith.

Topic

Across the Spring term we will be looking at the topic 'Vikings and Anglo-Saxons'. This topic involves both history and geography with a focus on their ways of life. We will look at Vikings and Anglo-Saxons separately before comparing them with their similarities and differences. We will be creating art work based around the Bayeux Tapestry, as well as building Anglo-Saxon houses.

Performing Arts

Continuing our performing arts rotation, children will either be playing the recorder, singing or exploring stories through drama and dance.

Curriculum:

French

This half term, we will focus on shapes and prepositions of place, to be used creatively in an art project focusing on the work of Matisse. We will use familiar verb forms in this new context to describe pictures they create. Pupils will also learn the parts of the body and face and use this language to describe the work of other famous French artists (e.g. Matisse).

Reminders/Key dates:

**Back to school on
4 January 2022**

Spring term 2022

4 January - 1 April

Half term

14 February - 18 February

Easter Holiday

4 April - 19 April

(returning on the 20 April)

Training day

19 April

Topic

Vikings