



Curriculum Letter for Year 4 - Spring Term 1 2024

General Information

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to some exciting topics and themes this term. Thank you for the books gifted for the Twelve Books of Christmas. They are lovely additions to our classroom libraries.

Curriculum

Maths: We begin the half term by consolidating multiplication and division. We will continue to build our confidence at using short division and will be applying our knowledge to a range of word problems. Our second maths unit of the half term is fractions. We will be exploring what a fraction is, looking at different types of fractions including improper fractions and finding equivalences. Finally, we look at adding and subtracting fractions. Table Champions will be continuing, so get practising! **All children are expected to know their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Y4 for the National test.**

English: We start the new term studying the text '*Cinnamon*' by Neil Gaiman, with a theme of darkness and light. Throughout the unit, we will be writing diary entries and adverts, building up to writing our own mythical tale. We then move on to the text '*Until I Met Dudley*' by the high-acclaimed Roger McGough, exploring the theme of invention and innovation. Our final written outcome is an explanation text using a formal tone, demonstrating that we can change our writing style to suit a different audience and purpose.

Science: This half term will be exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases through our unit 'Looking at States'. We will be exploring if and how items can change from one state to another. Lessons will involve a deeper delve into scientific enquiry through investigations and theory.

History: This term, the children will learn about the Roman Invasion of Britain and how it impacted the indigenous Celts. We explore some of the significant events that happened when the Romans came to Britain. The children will also consider whether the Romans left a positive or negative legacy.

DT: The unit this half term is *Textiles* focusing on Fastening. We will analyse and evaluate a range of existing fastenings, then devise a list of design criteria. After that, we will design and generate templates then make a fabric book sleeve.

Music: Our Charanga unit for this term is focused around one song: *Stop!* We will listen to and appraise the song 'Stop' and other songs. We will also build on our knowledge and understanding of rhythm, pitch and notation, as well as learning to rap!

Computing: Our first computing unit is 'We are Presenters'. In this unit, the children will create an informative presentation about a cross-curriculum topic and film it against a green screen background. The children will then edit their presentations using the iPads.

RE: This half term, we are learning about the beliefs and practices within Hinduism. We will be learning about how Hindus worship by considering important symbols and the different places where Hindus worship. To consolidate this, we will be visiting Dharma Mandir in Enfield. We will be in touch soon with more information about this trip.

PSHE: Our first topic this term is '*Health and Wellbeing*' which involves developing emotional maturity; learning that we experience a range of emotions and are responsible for these. We will also be exploring mistakes and how we can learn from these, as well as identifying our own strengths.

French: Our first unit this term is 'Goldilocks and the three bears', in which we retell a familiar story and focus on pronunciation of key vocabulary.

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Class Read: Our class reads for this term are *Queen of Darkness* by Tony Bradman and *Planet Omar* by Zanib Mian.

PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Tuesdays. All children must wear their PE kits to school. We also have indoor PE on Thursday. Indoor PE kits will stay in school.

Reading and Spellings

Please continue to make time to read with your child and for your child to be read to, also. We will also be teaching spelling patterns and rules in class. Please continue to go through the Year 3/4 Spelling Word List with your child at home.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday on *Microsoft Teams* and is due in the following Wednesday. Children may also be set homework on MyMaths or Purple Mash – this will be indicated on the work set on *Teams*.

Key Dates

Dharma Mandir School Trip	Thursday 1 st February
Children's Mental Health Week	Mon 5 th February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 6 th February
Half term	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February
Inset Day	Monday 19 th February