



Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on fractions, beginning with proper fractions and then moving on to improper fractions. We will also begin looking at fractions as decimals. The DfE Year 4 Multiplication Check will be coming up in June and therefore fluency and extra practice in times tables is crucial. The children will be working hard practising their times tables in preparation and any further practice at home will help your child greatly! Children can access their Times Tables Rock Stars accounts at home. If you need any assistance, please let us know.

Reading and Homework

Homework is set every Friday, and this should be returned the following Tuesday. Children will also receive a reading book and bookmark. We are very lucky to have a brand-new supply of books for your children to enjoy. Please support us by reading with your child 4 times per week and by completing the bookmark challenges. Books must be returned the following week to be changed. A new book will not be given until the previous book is returned. All books must be returned in good condition for other children to share and enjoy.

PE

This half term, the children will be focusing on 3 hoop invasion games and looking at creating their own Capoeira dance, which originated in Africa. Please make sure children bring their PE kits (including trainers) to school on a Monday and take them home on a Friday to be cleaned. For these sessions, hair must be tied back, and earrings must either be removed for the session or covered, with their own tape.

English

In Year 4, we are using 'The Wishgranter' as a stimulus in our writing lessons. The children will be writing persuasive adverts, a dream log, and a job advert based on the exciting 'Wishgranter' video. In guided reading lessons, the children will be using 'Run Wild' by Michael Morpurgo as their main text as well as continuing with the excellent progress they have made on Reading Plus.

Foundation Subjects

Our science topic this half term is 'Electricity'. As part of this, we will be looking at common electric appliances, building circuits and conductors and insulators. As geographers, we will build on their locational knowledge developed in Year 2 and 3 by locating countries within Europe. They will develop their understanding of compass points by learning about the 8 compass points and use their knowledge of the equator and the hemispheres to learn about the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The pupils will also learn about mountain ranges and how some are formed.

The children will continue to have a violin lesson with Mr. Rhodes and are looking forward to building on their skills, ready to perform at an end of year concert later in the year.

Break Times

The children are loving the new adventures available now we have launched our OPAL play initiative and it is already having an impact on friendships, teamwork and social skills. The children have enjoyed playing in the new forest school area and exploring all the new play equipment that is available.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Bell, Miss Howard & Miss Smurthwaite