

Spring Term Curriculum

English

We will be starting off the term by continuing with the book 'Jumanji'. First, children will be writing a set of instructions for their own board games and then re-writing the story. Then, we will be introducing the children to a poet named Michael Rosen so that they can appreciate, perform and write free verse poems. In the last half term, we will write persuasive letters to the Pixmore Governors to convince them to give year 4 a non-uniform day!

Maths

In maths we will first be focusing on time, reading both digital and analogue and converting between the 12 and 24 hour clock. Following on from this, we will be spending some time learning the Roman number system and also negative numbers. Geometry will be covered again but this time looking at angles, properties of triangles, coordinates and plotting shapes on a grid. We will be ending the term with a multiplication, division and fractions review and some problem solving to get them ready for year 5.

Computing

This term, we will learn about online communication tools such as email and blogs to support collaborative learning, safely and respectfully. The children will begin to investigate the technology used in digital communication networks. By the end of the term, they should be able to use simple sound editing software to record and manipulate sound clips.

Topic

In topic, we will learn what some European countries are famous for such as food and landmarks. To help with this, we will be going to the Italian restaurant L'artista and making pizzas. Children will then use atlases to locate countries in Europe and learn about their flags. Later, we will focus on a particular European country, which the children will choose, in order to research mountains, coastal areas and cities.

Science

At the beginning of the summer term we will be learning about human teeth and digestion looking at all the organs in the digestive system and their jobs as well as the names of the different teeth and their functions. After half term we will finish off the year by revisiting habitats and comparing them between different seasons as we first looked at this in autumn and now it is summer.

RE

In the summer term our RE lessons will be focused around Christianity first looking at the holy bible and the importance it has in the Christian religion as well as looking at some of the stories within the bible. We will finish off the year by looking at Hindu and Sikh holy texts also and will take a visit to the Sikh place of worship the 'Gurdwara'.

Music

In the summer term, we will explore a range of poems with a particular focus on how they are performed. We hope that by the end of year 4, children will be able to perform a poem. Children will also be introduced to staff notations that can accompany syllables.

PE

This term PE will be focused on cricket and swimming. Swimming lessons will be on a Wednesday for 4B and a Friday for 4D starting May 17th and continuing on for six weeks. For more information see the PE reminders section in this leaflet on what to bring. We will be having an outside company come in to teach cricket with the children for six weeks also. At the end of term the children will be focusing on athletics to prepare them for sports week.

French

The children will first of all be learning the weather in French leading up to writing and performing their own weather report. To tie in with Topic and our studies on Europe they will be looking at countries that speak French and how to order food in French. The children will also learn how to say what they like and dislike as well as their hobbies and sports. We will finish off the term by looking at the Hungry caterpillar and discussing the book in French.

PSHE

We will be using the Barclays money matters scheme to help children think more deeply about money, to understand in their lives what money is used for and we will be discussing needs and wants.

Art & DT

The children this term will be making a nightlight using circuits. The children have already learnt about circuits in science in Spring 1 so will need to use this knowledge to help them. They will also be making scrambled egg as the plan changed and they make flapjack last term instead of scrambled egg.

Learning Commitments – Spring 2019

Following feedback from parents about how they can help their children with their learning, we are trialing learning commitments this term and hope to get some parental feedback. Learning Commitments are targets that parents will engage with at home with their children in addition to your child's weekly homework. These may be life skills, academic skills or topic linked skills which the children are going to need to develop over the course of the term.

Year 4's Summer Term Learning Commitments

- Be able to tell the time to the nearest minute on an analogue clock and to be able to tell the time using the 24 hour clock.
- To learn their 7, 6 and 8 times tables (in any order).
- To be responsible for packing their bag for the school day, ensuring they have everything they need. Also to be responsible for packing their bags at the end of every day – making sure they have their reading books, home/school diary, spellings and homework for when they are due. Also making sure anything extra e.g. Forest school clothes, guitars etc are with them.
- To ensure they have their swimming kits on the swimming day with everything they need inside.
- Learn a new WOW word every week (advanced vocabulary e.g. an adjective like gargantuan) use it in your work and tell us what it means.

Reminders

Homework – Your child will be given homework (maths and a topic homework) every week on a Friday and it is due to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Your child will also get a reading book and weekly spellings. Homework is not marked in as much detail as your child's normal work but your child may receive house points or special recognition awards for their efforts in their homework.

P.E. - The children will have PE on a Thursday still. Swimming will begin in May. 4B's swimming day is a Wednesday and 4D's is a Friday. Both lessons start at 9:15 so we will be leaving straight away and any late children will be left at school. The children need to come into school in their swimming clothes and a have bag with a towel, underwear, swimming hat and goggles (if your child wants them.) We have armbands.

Please ensure that all items of uniform are named, hair is tied up and that your child is not wearing any jewellery, including earrings.

Helping Your Child With Reading

As a parent, you can play an important role in helping your child learn to read. Research shows that children who are helped at home make better progress in school.

- Choose any books that appeal to your child, for example, stories or information, books on hobbies/interests, such as football or animals. Newspapers, magazines, recipes, games instructions can be read together.
- Find a quiet, relaxing place away from distractions such as the TV.
- Sit comfortably in good light and talk to your child about their book.
- Read for about **10 minutes every day**; a regular short time of quality is better than a long session which happens only occasionally.
- Be supportive and positive during this time, please comment in their diary.
- If they get stuck on a word, you could:
 - let them read on so they can work out the word themselves from the context
 - point to a picture if it will help them guess the meaning
 - give them the first or last sounds to help them
 - read the word for them (especially if it is a Proper Name)
 - when they are confident with sounds, let them sound out unknown words – break longer words down into syllables
 - do not sound out words which are not phonetic e.g. 'because'
- When a mistake is self-corrected or a previously unknown word is recognised, **praise highly**.
- Encourage expressive reading by drawing attention to punctuation.

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Important Dates for the Term

(Subject to change)

Swimming starts WB 13th May for the next 6 school weeks

Sponsored bounce 17th May

Arts week WB 20th May

Half term WB 27th May

Cricket starting for 6 weeks 7th May

Sports week WB 17th June

Assessment week WB 24th June

Year 4 camping trip 4th and 5th July

Summer reports out 10th July

Transition day 11th July

Family BBQ 12th July

Last day 19th July