

Class 4 Topics for this term

I shall be teaching Class 4 every morning and Monday afternoons, other afternoon lessons will be led by Miss Ebrey, Miss Armitage-Pryce, Mrs Smith and Mrs Capleton.

In **Maths** this term we have started off with some algebra! There's some calculation work involving long multiplication and division. Next up will be some learning about fractions. Later in the term more fractions work including percentage and statistics. We're continuing with the **Key Instant Recall Facts** (KIRFs) this term as the children need to continue with plenty of practice of mental calculation skills so please help them to learn times tables and quick recall of addition and subtraction facts; they are important in so many other area of mathematics. The aim is for the children to be able to calculate and apply their mathematical learning accurately and efficiently. It's important that they know the facts thoroughly and can recall them instantly. This half term the KIRF is number bonds including numbers with decimals and after half term the focus is learning the multiplication tables. Maths homework will be given out each week before the weekend to hand back completed either on or before the following Tuesday.

In **English** lessons this term the children will be writing in a variety of different forms including a mix of narrative and non-fiction pieces. They will be encouraged to use quality sentences and broader range of punctuation marks such as commas, brackets and semi colons, together with punctuating dialogue correctly.

Children should read approximately 20-30 minutes a day. The children have an Accelerated Reader library book (and occasionally a group reading book which mainly stays in school). I don't expect parents to sit and listen to every word every day, the choice is yours, but a small amount of time 2/3 times a week spent hearing your child read will improve your child's reading. Why not ask your child some questions about what they are reading? Please sign the reading record book if you have heard your child read or asked them about their reading.

The **spelling** groups will be using words from a new resource called Spelling Shed. Children can complete spelling games to support their learning in class. Children have their own unique login details so they can practice at home during the week too. In Monday's assessment the children should aim to achieve a pass rate of at least 8/10 or higher on the words tested.

Our 'topics' this year are whole school based with each class having a slightly different focus around the theme. Year 6 will focus on World War I in **History** this term. We'll look at how it affected life in Shropshire. Linked to this **Geography** work will look at the changing face of Europe through maps of the 20th Century.

In **Science** we start the term thinking about Materials, with Animals including Humans the theme later on.

Monday's **PE** lesson will be taught by Jack Croton from Sports4U. Miss Smith will lead a second PE session some Thursday afternoons. Some weeks there will be PE as part of house activities too on Wednesday. Children will require blue PE shorts and a blue t-shirt, pumps or trainers. Children may prefer to wear tracksuits for outside lessons in the cooler autumn weather. Please make sure your child has all the correct PE kit in school at all times.

We're hoping to inspire a love of the **French** language and culture with the children. We would like the children to be confident to speak and understand a few useful French phrases and sentences and begin to follow written French too. Themes to be followed include: school life, countries and Christmas in France.

They will be practising a variety of drawing and painting skills including human body and movement in **Art**.

Within **Design and Technology** the children will be learning about structures including girders and will be making designs of bridges from card.

This term within our **RE** we will focus on the key questions; How far would a Sikh go for his/her religion? Later the focus switches to; What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?

Every Wednesday there is also Wake up Sing up sessions with Mr Bennett, house activities (including Forest School) and cookery sessions with Mrs Hughes.