



English Learning

In English, we will be learning about the myth of the Loch Ness Monster. We will study different poems about the legendary beast before creating our own poetry anthology of our work and poems from selected other poets. Some of the National Curriculum objectives covered include:

- listening to and discussing a wide range of poetry
- increasing our familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally
- preparing poems to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action
- discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
- recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry]

We have also started using handwriting pens for our written English work. We will have lots of handwriting practice this half term.

Mathematical Learning

This term we are looking at:

- Number and Place Value
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Geometry



PSHE Learning

This half term we will be talking about friendships and family. This will include bullying and how behaviour affects others. We will ask the question how to maintain a healthy friendship and look at stereotypes. Finally, we will look at how families around the world are different. We are NOT covering puberty this half term.



French Learning

We will finish our learning of Les Fruits (fruit) and we will be able to say the fruits that we like and dislike.



Scientific Learning

Our topic this half term will be Sound. We will learn:

- How sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating
- That vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear
- About the pitch of a sound and what type of object produces it
- About the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produce it
- Why sounds get fainter depending on distance



Art Learning

We will be collecting ideas about the sea and using a range of media and techniques. We will be considering texture, mood, line and colour. We will be learning how to colour mix with increasing accuracy.

Music Learning - Wednesday afternoons (we will need ukuleles in school on this day)

We have started our ukulele lessons! The children have already been given their instrument and a hire agreement has been sent home for you to sign and return. Once all these forms have been returned to school we will be able to send the instruments home.

Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be looking at the Kingdom of God and thinking about our big question 'When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?'



Computing Learning

We will be learning about programming, coding and algorithms. This half term we will be using <https://arcade.makecode.com/> to create and debug code. Children are very welcome to access this from home and have fun on the many programs available.

PE Learning

Both classes will be working on a dance for May Day.



How can you help?



- Encouraging your child to read regularly at home, both independently and to an adult. We expect at least 5 reads a week to be logged in reading diaries. Children who complete 5 or more reads each week get extra play time on Monday mornings.
- Lots of regular times table testing including both multiplication and division facts. The faster the response, the better!
- Supporting your child with learning their spellings. This half term we have sent home the Year 3 & 4 Common Exception Words for the children to learn. Children should be able to spell these words correctly in their writing. Please choose a few and practise each week with your child.

Events/trips planned for this half term:

- St Margaret's Got Talent (Virtual) Friday 14th May 2021
- Keep an eye on the school website for any new letters or dates. The next inset day is Friday 28th May 2021.



If you have any resources you are happy to loan to us or have any particular knowledge about any of our topics, please come and see us.

Please contact your class teacher if you need any further information or have a query.

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The Year Four team

Year 4 Learning

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We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break with your families. It has been so lovely to all be back together in school following the latest lockdown.

We are looking forward to launching new topics with your children such as the Loch Ness Monster and Rivers and Mountains. There is also the exciting news that the children have graduated from djembe drums to the ukuleles!

Year 4 are very lucky to have the opportunity to attend Forest School this half term. Both classes have been split into 2 groups with Mole Class going on Mondays and Fox Class on Thursdays. Please check the letters sent home for the exact date your child will attend.

Summer Term Topic: Rivers and Mountains

This half term we will be learning about:

- The journey a river takes from start to finish
- The different features which make up a river and its journey

Our learning on Rivers and Mountains will continue after the May half term holiday.

