

**This half term (Spring 2)**

**Year 4 will be learning about the following:**

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| English | In English we will be reading ‘Treasure Island’ and will complete a range of writing tasks based on this book. We will write setting descriptions, narratives, and poems/sea shanties. |
| This half term our targets will be:   * To use and punctuate direct speech * Use suffixes and understand how to add them * Drafting and improving written work * 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 * identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these |
| Mathematics | In Maths, we will be learning about fractions and decimals, as well as time. We will focus initially on calculating equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions, before learning how to add and subtract fractions and solve fractions problems. We will learn how to convert tenths and hundredths into their decimal equivalents, order decimals, round decimals and divide whole numbers by 10 and 100. In addition, we will be learning how to read 24 hour time, converting between units of measurement of time, and solving problems involving time. |
| This half term our targets will be:   * To convert between units of measurements * To convert tenths and hundredths into decimal equivalents * To compare and order decimals * To round decimals to the nearest whole number * To divide whole numbers by 10 and 100 * To solve problems including decimals and money * To calculate equivalent fractions and to simplify fractions. * To add and subtract fractions. |
| Science | In Biology, we will be learning about eating and digestion, including comparing different types of teeth. We will also cover habitats and how animals are adapted to their environment. In Chemistry, we will further our learning on fossils and soils. |
| Computing | Our topic this term is ‘Writing for different audiences’. We will be looking at how the style of and layout of different documents varies depending on purpose. We will be producing a newspaper report and writing for a campaign. |
| History and Geography | We will be continuing to learn about ‘Europe’, including which countries make up this continent, their capital cities, similarities and differences, customs and traditions.  In History, we will be furthering our knowledge of the Romans, in particular looking at how they changed Britain. |
| Art | We will be doing some printing and will be designing a healthy-eating placemat, using our new printing skills. |
| P.E. | For PE this half term we are lucky to have Altrincham Football Club continuing to teach our Tuesday lessons. We will learn skills and tactics through fun games, as well as developing team-work skills. Our second PE lesson each week will be cricket with Mrs. Simon. |
| Music | Working with Mrs Cooper, we will be learning about ‘Programme Music’ as well as preparing Easter/Spring songs for our end of term celebration. |
| R.E. | With Mrs Oldham the children will be exploring the question, ‘Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?’ This will link to the Easter story. |
| P.S.H.E. and Citizenship | The theme for this half term is ‘Good to be me’. We will learn about recognising our strengths and weaknesses and how to deal with these. We will also explore dealing with disappointment, strategies for calming down and being assertive. |
| French | We will be reading and listening to a French story called ‘Les Quatres Amis’ and using this to construct our own French sentences. |

Homework, usually Maths, English, spelling and multiplication tables will be given out on a Friday to be handed in by the following **Wednesday**. Please read with your child regularly and record this in their reading record as it is part of their weekly homework. Times tables and spelling test take place every **Thursday**.

PE lessons this half term are on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. Please ensure that your child has something suitable for the colder weather.  **Children who have earrings are asked to remove them and leave them at home on P.E. days or remove them and keep them safe themselves at school. If ears have been pierced recently the children are responsible covering their own earrings with tape.**

Please can you also ensure your child has the correct equipment required for school. Your child will need a blue fibre tip pen with spares, pencil, sharpener, ruler and eraser. Please try to avoid sending your child into school with unnecessary or bulky equipment, as this does become a distraction for them. They also require a named water bottle.

If you have any concerns, please don’t hesitate to come and see me.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Mrs Simon