

Curriculum Overview

Year 4 Spring 2

Literacy

Our Literacy unit this half term will be 'Stories with dilemmas' and 'Persuasive texts'

In our 'Stories with dilemmas' unit, children will identify the features of this type of text. Children will develop a range of reading skills including inference and identifying and discussing good language choices. They will develop writing skills including using subordination, fronted adverbials and inverted commas for speech.

In our persuasive texts unit we will be looking deforestation as our focus for persuasion. We will be looking at different viewpoints regarding this and take part in a variety of drama sessions. We will identify persuasive language and the effectiveness of it. Children will create their own persuasive text to discourage deforestation.

You will also be expected to practise your weekly spellings, read your reading book to an adult daily, complete challenges in your reading diary and contribute to our class blog.

Science

Our Science unit this half term is a STEM project 'Flood proof housing'
The children will be exploring different types of houses that are flood proof. They will have the opportunity to test different materials for absorbency. Children will then use this to design and make their own flood proof houses, before testing them to see if they work well.

Keep looking out for Science links and challenges on our class blog.

PSHE: Our SEAL unit this half term is 'changes'

Computing: Our Computing unit this half term is 'I am a digital musician.'

Art: Our DT unit for this half term is 'Using pastels'

SMSC: Our SMSC unit this half term will be learning about 'Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?'

Music: In Music we will be learning about music from Brazil

PE: Our PE units this half term will be 'Striking and fielding; Co-ordination. Sport - Cricket'

MFL: Our MFL we will be learning how to say 'Classroom objects'.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be focusing on: Fractions.

We will be looking at unit and non-unit fractions, equivalent fractions, how to add and subtract fractions and solving fractions of a quantity.

You will also be expected to practise your multiplication facts and number bonds at home as well as complete several calculations to help you retain the skills you are learning. Moreover, you MUST contribute to class blogs and maths challenges.

Please ensure you continue to use TT Rock Stars daily.

Topic

This term we will be learning about 'Brazil'.

The children will be learning about the bordering countries, the different climates of Brazil. Then we will move on to looking at the Amazon rainforest and the animals that live in the rainforest before moving on to learning about deforestation and the impact that this has on the world.

Keep looking out for geography blogs and challenges.