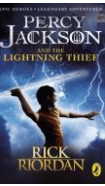




Coelho Class
Mrs Potts

Year 4 Newsletter - Term 4

Riordan Class
Miss Crumbe



Welcome to Term 4! This term brings some excitement! We will be inviting Living History Workshop into school to help us bring our work on Anglo-Saxons to life, and working towards an Easter production for you to come and enjoy. Thank you for supporting your child at home with their learning - it makes an enormous difference to their experiences in school. Please find below most of the important features of what we will be covering in Year 4 this term. Please remember to pack your child a fruit or vegetable snack for breaktime, **sweets and chocolate are not permitted**. The weather will more than likely be changeable; please can you ensure your child brings in **a waterproof coat with a hood every day**, and named gloves and scarves if appropriate. **Can you please make sure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day. No flavoured water or juice please.**

Home learning opportunities

Last term's music posters were so creative – thanks to all who completed one! There will be another bonus project set this term. Please remember to continue daily reading with your children at home. We recommend a minimum of 15 minutes. Times Tables Rockstars is really important this term, too – please encourage the children to practise.

Maths

In maths this term, we will begin by studying length and perimeter. After this, we will move on to a large topic all about fractions. During this unit the children will learn how to add and subtract fractions from whole numbers and mixed numbers. They will also discover how to convert mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa.

Science

This term science focuses on conservation. The question we will be investigating is *why do environments change?* We will describe ecosystems and how they are affected by changes in the seasons, consider the human impact on the environment through deforestation, explore air and water pollution, then consider how humans can have a positive impact on nature.

PSHE

The question this term is *how do we keep our friendships healthy?* This question will encourage us to consider how we fit into different friendship groups and how to navigate the dynamics involved in socialising or working with a group of people. We will examine ways to keep our body healthy by looking at peer pressure and the effects of smoking and alcohol. Finally, we will celebrate our inner strength and ability to be assertive.

Dates for your diary

Term 4

Term Starts: 20th February 2024

Monday 26th Feb – Living History Workshop

Monday 4th Mar – World Book Week

Thursday 7th Mar – World Book Day

Friday 15th Mar – Red Nose Day and school disco

Tuesday 26th Mar and Wednesday 27th Mar – Y4

Easter Production

Tuesday 26th Mar and Wednesday 27th Mar –

Parents' Consultations

Term ends: 28th March 2024

Year 4 Teaching Support Team :

Mrs L. Potts

Miss S Crumbe

Miss T. Banks

Mrs K Chinnery

As usual, if you have any questions or queries, please ask any of the Year 4 staff team, and we would be very happy to help you.

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English

This term we will be using inspiration from the book 'One Plastic Bag' by Miranda Paul to develop our non-fiction writing skills. Linking to our Science work, we will examine conservation and how writing can help to inform or persuade a reader. We will learn all about persuasive features, using AFOREST to help us remember all the techniques. Throughout the unit, we will discuss and debate as a class, learning how to put forward our viewpoints. In addition, we will look at how to write a carefully balanced argument.

Religious Education

In RE this term we will be exploring the question *why do Christians remember the events of Holy Week every year?* We will closely examine some of the key events of Holy Week, including Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial. We will be digging deeper into what these events mean for Christians today.

Physical Education

PE will be swing dance on a **Friday** afternoon for Year 4, please make sure your child has the appropriate PE kit (indoor) and **no earrings on PE day**. Week beginning 25/03/24 is our blocked PE week – football. Please ensure your child brings the appropriate outdoor kit. Girls and boys will change for PE in separate classrooms.

It is imperative that your child has the correct PE kit in school every Friday.

History

We will be finishing 'How did the Anglo-Saxons change Britain?' We will be looking at the influence of the Anglo-Saxons and how we know what their lives were like. We even have a workshop all about this era in the second week of term! Towards the end of term, we will be moving to our next history unit – all about the Vikings! We will explore the myths and reality of their lives and legacy.

Music

This term, the children will be working towards an Easter performance called 'The Tale of the Three Trees'. We will be working on our singing skills to prepare for this, particularly how we can sing as an ensemble accurately and expressively. We can't wait to show you at the end of term!

