



YEAR 4 NEWS



Spring 2
Half Term

Dear parents/guardians,

Please find on this page an overview of our learning for this half term. As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me on the playground or write a note in the link book.

Maths

This half term we will be concentrating on the following aspects of maths:

- Decimals - rounding, putting on a number line and dividing by 10,100 and 1000.
- Adding and subtracting money to give change.
- Written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Measures - 24hr clock, converting time between 12/24hr
- Calculating perimeter and area of shapes.
- Converting measures e.g. g/kg, cm/m

We will be carrying out problem solving and reasoning activities on each of these areas to improve our mastery of the year 4 curriculum.

We will continue to improve our multiplication facts with weekly tests and speed tables. *This is a key focus as children are not recalling them at speed.*

RE

In our Eucharist topic, we will look closely at the Eucharistic mass, finding out more about the key parts of the mass and the correct responses to use. In our self-discipline topic we will be going on a journey through Lent together looking at the event of Holy Week.

Topic / Art & Design Technology

Our new topic is 'Rainforests'. This topic will cover where rainforests are, the layers of the rainforest, plants and people of the rainforest, how the rainforest is vanishing due to deforestation and how we can save the rainforest.

In art and design, we will be drawing tribal portraits, making masks/ headdresses and exploring 'bug' pictures.

English

Our literacy this half term will be based on our Rainforest theme and will be mainly non-fiction based. We will be looking at non-chronological reports, balanced discussions / arguments, information texts about endangered animals and poetry.

Our focus to improve our writing this half term is paragraph organization. In particular we are going to look at ways to link our paragraphs together. We will also be continuing to focus on using a wider range of punctuation.

In grammar we will be focusing on: common mistakes with verbs, double negatives in sentences and a recap of our learning so far.

Our spelling patterns for this half term are:
Prefixes - auto, anti, inter and super.

Short I spelled 'y' in initial and medial positions of a word and our year 3/4 spring 2 list.

As always, we are focused on improving the quality of our writing. We are working hard to improve handwriting in all of the writing we do and to apply our knowledge learnt in grammar sessions to our extended writing sessions.

Science

In science, we will be looking at 'Living things and their habitats'. We will look at sorting living things into groups, classifying vertebrates and invertebrates, how to create classification keys as well as a local habitat survey and looking at local environmental changes.

Computing

In computing, we will be looking animation. We will find out about the history of animation before create a short animation using a stick figure. We will move on to look at creating stop-motion animations using a camera to create a short animated film.