



Brackley C of E Junior School

Term



WELCOME

to Year 4!

We have had a great start to Year 4 so far! 4BFG have settled in nicely and have adjusted to our new routines well. We are very lucky to have a great team, consisting of Mr. Faulkner, Mrs. Roberts and Miss, Ambrose.

Maths



A big focus for us in Year 4 is times tables. We will be practising the times tables that we used throughout Year 3 and working on learning the times tables that we didn't solidify by the end of the year. We will also be developing our knowledge of the four operations, through a combination of written and practical work, in order to ensure we are ready to move towards the formal written methods.

English



In English, we will be looking at non-chronological text and various features of non-fiction texts in general. We will be learning all about the awesome angler fish and create a detailed report about this fascinating species. We will be continuing to develop our reading fluency through our daily guided reading sessions, which involve a combination of reading comprehensions, independent activities and reading. Our initial SPaG focus is on the correct use of punctuation throughout our work.

Science



In Science the children will be exploring states of matter. We will start by looking at the properties of solids, liquids and gases and the importance of particles and energy. We will be conducting several investigations to explore the difference between the states. We will also be investigating the processes of evaporation, boiling, melting and freezing, through practical experiments.

Religious Education



In RE this term, children will be exploring the question 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' As well as exploring what the children already know about Christianity, the children will discuss: What is Christianity? Who is Jesus? What is the Bible? What did Jesus do? What do Christians celebrate? They will explore gospels from the bible and think about what it means to be 'fishers of men'.

History



We are very excited to be starting our first project, Ancient Rome, in History. We will identify the impact of the Ancient Roman civilisation in history and their surrounding timeline. We will look explicitly at the Invasion of Britain over time and the impact of the Roman culture, as well as road building and famous historical figures. We will also look at the importance of the gods and goddesses and create a vast family tree.

Art



In Art, we will be looking at developing our skills of observation through insect art. We will be sketching fine observational details and then experimenting adding colour using oil pastels. The children will be encouraged to focus on creating realistic and accurate pieces of art to build their skills, before creating their own artwork. We will study various insects and work towards creating a mosaic piece.

Physical Education



For indoor PE, the children will be competing in their very own sports hall athletics to record their own personal bests at a variety of challenges and working to beat them each week. The activities we will try are shuttle runs, chest pushes, speed bounce, standing long jump and wall jumping. The children will also partake in swimming lessons throughout this term to build and develop their skills in the water. These will be led by swimming instructors who will split the children into groups to allow for maximum contact time.

Computing



This term the children will be learning how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly, whilst learning how to report inappropriate behaviour. They will also develop strategies for dealing with online bullying. Children will be able to identify sites that are insecure and recognise which information is not safe to share with online friends. After this, the children will be moving on to Word processing and will learn how to create and edit their own documents. They will learn how to present their information in a range of ways.

Music



This term we will be looking at how sound is made and classified. We will be focussing on body percussion as we explore how to make different sounds with their voices by beat boxing, singing four-part rounds and jazzy rounds.

Spanish



The children will be recapping their Spanish learning this term. We will be reminding ourselves of the topics that were covered last year to refresh our Spanish. We will then start off by learning all about Spain and countries where Spanish is spoken. Then we will learn phonics to help us pronounce new words and some basic phrases/ greetings.

PSHE



This term, we are thinking about rules and responsibilities, and the consequences that follow if we aren't responsible or follow the rules. The children will also be learning how to keep themselves safe both at home and at school by learning about Protective Behaviours. This is a series of lessons exploring how to recognise early warning signs of feeling unsafe and what they can do about it as well as discussing who can help them. Finally, we will learn some basic first aid and have a series of lessons on internet safety.

Homework

Homework will consist of weekly reading and Times Tables Rockstar Practice. Children will be given a reading record in which they need to record 4 weekly reads. This should be the reading book which is sent home with them. When they have finished this book, they may bring it back and get another. Children will be expected to complete 25 games a week. Children need to complete these in between Friday and Thursday each week

If you have questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our team. You can do this via email or phone call to Miss Faulkner-Gant in the school office. Please note, we do not monitor the message element of the Class Dojo app.