

YEAR GROUP: Year 4

DATE: Spring Term 2017

TIME ALLOCATION: 1 Term

TEACHERS: I. Haughton and J. Bigland

Literacy: As communicators we will be developing our ability to write diaries and instructions, as well as narrative stories and poetry. We will also be researching and making our own advert linked to a British landmark to develop our persuasive writing skills.
Grammar: Aspects to include using fronted adverbials to start sentences, using commas to separate clauses, organising writing into paragraphs

Maths:
As Mathematicians, we will be developing our understanding of the properties of shapes, fractions and studying measurement, including length, perimeter and area. We will be learning our multiplication tables, studying number and place value, including decimals and using written methods for multiplication. We will be solving problems and developing our reasoning skills.
Please speak to the Maths set teacher if you need more detailed information about the level at which your child is working.

Science:
As scientists, we will be exploring electricity, including making circuits, testing materials for conductivity, constructing switches and identifying the uses and dangers of electricity.
We will be using this knowledge to design and make a torch for an explorer.

Computing:
As digital learners, we will be developing our understanding of using technology safely, including keeping personal information and passwords private.
We will learn to produce digital music using the software Isle of Tune. Finally, we will develop our presentational skills using Microsoft PowerPoint.



Key Questions:
What are the countries of Great Britain?
What are the capital cities?
Can you name any famous landmarks?
What makes people proud to be British?
If you didn't live in Britain where else would you like to live and why?

Religious Education:
We will explore the beliefs of the Jewish religion, learning about the synagogue and the role of the rabbi. In addition, we will be considering the importance of the Shabbat and other special holy days and how Jewish people worship.

Geography:
As geographers, we will be developing our use of maps and atlases and learning about the physical landscape of England, Wales and Scotland, including the highest mountains, largest lakes etc. We will research landmarks and the capital cities of each country.

History:
As historians, we will be considering the end of the second World War and patriotism in this country as well as other key events from British history.

Art and Design:
As artists, we will be exploring the art of British photographer Chris Killip. We will be planning and taking digital photographs, then editing them to create images in a similar style.

Design and Technology:
As designers, we will be researching, designing and making traditional British food such as scones and shortbread. This will culminate in there being 'A Great Sunnymede Bake Off', with our own Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood judging!

Music:
As musicians, we will be developing our knowledge of the traditional music (and dances) of England, Scotland and Wales. In addition, we will be creating 4 beat rhythms.

Physical Education:
Within our PE lessons, we will be learning skills linked to games played with nets and on courts. In addition, we will be developing problem solving skills when playing these games. We will also continue with our swimming lessons.

French:
This term we will be developing our skills and knowledge of sports and food related language, as well as learning numbers from 10-100.

SMSC
Within our SMSC lessons we will be learning about different types of bullying.
We will also be learning about medicines and legal drugs, including people who use medicines and legal drugs. Rules for safe storage, finding risky items, Influence of friends and media.

School Trips
Wednesday 22nd February: Trip to the Museum Of London. Please note that we will be leaving school at 8 am and will return at approx. 4pm. More information to follow.
Swimming every Friday (First session on 13th Jan and last session on 31st March)

Key dates
9th Jan—Optional homework projects due in
9th January—4H will be having gymnastic lessons for 5 weeks, please ensure that P.E.kit is in school every Monday, as well as their usual P.E. day
W/C 23rd Jan—Crazy Science Week
24th February- Class 4H Celebration Assembly 9:00
28th Feb—Level 1 Bikeability Course
28th March- Parent Consultations 4pm-6pm
30th March -Parent Consultations 5pm-8pm.

Optional homework
We would like children to research an aspect of British culture that interests them. They can make models, information books, posters, powerpoint presentations e.g. a model of Big Ben or a presentation on British Food.
The deadline date is 18th April