



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 1

<u>PE</u>	<u>Forest School</u>	<u>Important Dates</u>
Stegosaurus Tuesday and Friday Velociraptor Wednesday and Thursday Triceratops Wednesday and Thursday	This half term, the children will be having Forest School days, these are as follows: Velociraptor Monday 22 nd April Triceratops Tuesday 23 rd April Stegosaurus Thursday 25 th April	21.05.24- Past Productions WOW day
English	<p>In writing, the children will be writing a balanced argument about whether trolls should be slaughtered or not. First, they will have a debate discussion arguing whether children are lazy or not. They will have to have reasons for their argument and explain these with evidence. During their writing, they will use fronted adverbials, parenthesis, differing sentence patterns and subordinating conjunctions. Furthermore, we will explore using similes and suffixes.</p> <p><u>Help your child prepare for their learning:</u> Have a debate with your child about something they are interested in and allow them to explain their reasoning behind their decision.</p> <p>In reading, the children will be understanding how atmosphere is created through settings in a story by studying the text, <i>The Legend of Podkin One-Ear Kieran Larwood</i>. We will learn about vocabulary, retrieval and inferring from the text.</p> <p><u>Help your child prepare for their learning:</u> Teachers are reading with the children more regularly and will initial their reading log when this happens. The children need to bring their reading books and reading logs into school every day. Please continue to read with your child at home and record it in their reading log. Ask the children questions about the text they are reading to ensure full understanding.</p>	
Maths	<p>In maths, first we will be learning about decimals. Here we will cover decimal equivalents, dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number. Then, we will recap adding and subtracting fractions and solving problems involving fractions. During this half term we will also recap measurement including perimeter and area and multiplication and division facts.</p> <p><u>Help your child prepare for their learning:</u></p> <p>Please continue to help your children complete their times table booklet homework for the times table they are focusing on that week. Please test your children on their times tables in different orders to help with their recall and number facts. In Year 4 the children need to know all their times tables up to 12x12.</p>	

Science	<p>In science this half term, the children will be learning about States of Matter. They will be exploring solids, liquids and gases, understanding how they change state, how water evaporates and we will be looking deeper into different stages of the water cycle. We will learn about particles within these different states and how they are set to show a solid, liquid or gas.</p> <p>Help your child prepare for their learning: Explore household items that are solids, liquids and gases and the difference between them.</p>
Art	<p>Our topic for this half term is Architecture. The children will be exploring different buildings and that architects design buildings to meet their intended purpose. During this topic, we will learn about the architect, artist and designer, Zaha Hadid, and the architect, painter and printmaker, Freidensreich Hundertwasser.</p>
Geography	<p>In geography this half term, we will be learning about earthquakes and volcanoes. We will learn about the causes, outcomes and locations of earthquakes and volcanoes, understand why people live within the vicinity of volcanoes and the children will have a chance to investigate recent earthquakes and volcano eruptions.</p>
French	<p>In French our topic is 'Le carnaval des animaux' which translates to The Carnival of the Animals. The children will be able to name some animals in French, including their characteristics, habitats and diet, ask someone in French where they live and identify and use some masculine and feminine forms of some French adjectives.</p>
Music	<p>In music this half-term, our topic is Haiku, music and performance. The children will describe the festival of Hanami using words and sounds, identify musical features to then plan and perform a piece of music to celebrate Hanami.</p>
PSHE	<p>The theme of this term's Jigsaw lessons is relationships. During this topic, the children will learn about jealousy, understanding love and loss and getting on and falling out with people. We will also cover that boyfriends and girlfriends are special relationships for when they children are older.</p>
RE	<p>This term our topic is; "Who was Jesus really?" The children will learn about the life of Jesus, who he was, what life and religion was like when Jesus was alive and why Roman soldiers did not like Jesus.</p>

Have a Great Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you next half term!