

Year 3/4 Spring Term

English: In English this half term we will be studying performance poetry. We will be investigating the features of performance poetry and using our acting skills to extend our understanding. Weekly spelling tests will continue each Thursday, when everyone will be given a new set to practice for the following week. We have been reading James and the Giant Peach in class and enjoying the different characters who appear during the story.

In geography this half term we will be studying the water cycle. We will examine different concepts to extend our understanding of the world around us and how it is changing.

- ❖ To understand that all water on Earth is recycled.
- ❖ To know the main uses of water around the world.
- ❖ To can list some problems with water.
- ❖ To can list some ways of solving water problems.

In art we are introducing sculpture and what this means. We will be learning about what sculpture is, what materials can be used and looking at some famous sculptures around the world.

We will explore how sculpture has changed over time looking at traditional models and also what modern art can mean.

In maths this half term we will focus on fractions and decimals.

- + Count up and down in tenths; recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10.
- + Recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators.
- + Recognise and use fractions as numbers: unit fractions (numerator of 1) and non-unit fractions with small denominators.
- + Recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators.
- + Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole [for example, $5/7 + 1/7 = 6/7$].
- + Compare and order unit fractions, and fractions with the same denominators

There will be a focus this year on times tables as year 4 work towards their statutory test in May.

Weekly spellings will be sent home to be practised for our Thursday test. Please practise rock star times tables at home and complete tasks on reading eggs.

Home readers will be changed each weekly. Please ensure that these are brought into school each morning.

All children will receive a spelling book, home reader and times table book. All 3 books should be brought into school every day.

PE this half term will be on a Friday. Please note that PE for year 3/4 is on a Friday, starting Monday 8th January. On PE days children should come into school dressed in PE kit – details of this are on the school website for clarity. We will be covering ball skills this half term.

Some of the class are swimming this half term, this will swop after half term to ensure that all children are able to access this skill.

In science our area of study is plants. We will be investigating:

- Describe why plants require these 5 things.
- Describe the structure of a flower.
- Describe the stages of the life cycle of a flowering plant.
- Describe how seeds are dispersed.

In RE this half term we will be looking at our local church. We will examine what the importance of the local church and the role it plays in the community. We will also study the support provided by local parishioners, who are vital to the continuing success of our local churches.