

Year 3/4 Spring Term

English: In English this half term we examine persuasive writing and how to use it. We will look at climate change and the effect it is having on our oceans and sea life. A wide variety of sources will be used to collect information, during this we will separate fact from opinion. A leaflet will be written using these facts to persuade us all to recycle more and consider the effect that our actions are having on our environment.

In geography this half term we will be studying the rivers and mountains.

We will learn about:

- ❖ All about European countries and cities
- ❖ Use atlases
- ❖ Dissect the regions of Spain, focussing on Catalonia
- ❖ Human geography
- ❖ Physical geography
- ❖ Climate changes in Catalonia (including reading and drawing graphs)
- ❖ Comparing the UK and Catalonia
- ❖ Discuss the traditions and politics of the area

In design and technology will be examining drawing.

We will investigate textiles:

- ✚ Practice stitching
- ✚ Understand what a design brief is
- ✚ Investigate the specification
- ✚ Make a template
- ✚ Make an object
- ✚ Evaluate the process

- In maths this half term we will focus on fractions, year 4 to include decimals.
- Count up and down in tenths and hundredths
- Recognise that hundredths arise when dividing an object by one hundred and dividing tenths by ten.
- Solve problems involving increasingly harder fractions to calculate quantities and fractions to divide quantities
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.
- Recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths.

- 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. These can be practised at home, and time will be given in school too.

Please practise rock star times tables at home and complete tasks on reading eggs. These can be practised at home, and time will be given in school too.

Home readers will be changed each weekly. Please support your child by reading with them, reading is important to their progress, once a week is good – more often would be brilliant.

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.

Thank you for your support with this it makes a huge difference to the confidence and progress of the children in class.

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

- To identify how sounds are made
- To recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear
- To recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases
- To recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium
- To find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it

PE this half term will be on a Monday.

We will be studying dance .

On PE days children should come into school dressed in PE kit – details of this are on the school website for clarity.

Music will be in a Wednesday this half term when we shall be learning the glockenspiel.

In RE this half term we will be looking at community. We will examine the life of our Christian community and the people who are part of it. We will also look at our parish community, investigating what ministries are involved and how they support the community around them.