

Year 3/4 Autumn Term

English: In English this half term we will be reading Alice in Wonderland, identifying when the book was written and examine the different vocabulary used at that time. We will be reading character descriptions and identify the features of a character description. We will also develop our understanding of what is read and use dictionaries to check the meaning of words. We will draw inferences about the characters' feelings, thoughts and motives.

In geography this half term our topic is Where I live. We will

- ❖ I can locate the UK in relation to continents and oceans.
- ❖ Use an atlas to identify features of where I live
- ❖ Examine the difference between human and physical geography.
- ❖ Understand the characteristics of urban places.
- ❖ Understand the characteristics of rural places
- ❖ Explain the benefits and drawbacks of different places.

In maths this half term we will count in different multiples.

- Find 1000 more or less than a given number.
- Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones).
- Order and compare numbers beyond 1000.
- Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations.

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

In DT we will be investigating levers and linkages.

We will look at a design brief and have analysed some of the task.

Understand what a product analysis is and can identify form and function of a product.

Develop range of design specification points including materials and why they would be chosen.

Produce a simple design idea that shows a basic understanding of material properties.

Write a basic evaluation taking into account the purpose of the product.

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 Thursday. Please note that PE for year 3/4 is on a Thursday, starting Monday 11th September. 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 gymnastics and invasion games this half term.

In science our area of study is Animals including humans. We will be investigating:

- Identify examples of foods that contain carbohydrates and fibre.
- Identify examples foods that contain fats and protein.
- Identify different vitamins and minerals.
- State the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates.
- Identify the 3 major functions of a skeleton.
- Describe how bones are attached to one another.

In RE this half term we will be looking at family. We will examine what a family means to us and how scripture explains what family is. We will explore how Jesus was born into a family unit and lived with a human family.