

Year 4

Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 1



Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Whilst it has been a chaotic start back to the term, it has been lovely seeing the children and hearing all about their fun filled holidays.

Thank you for raising so much money through the bun sale last term. I have some exciting plans for this money which I will be able to share with you soon.

Our link with Mayfield View is blossoming. I will be in a position shortly to let you know about more activities we have planned with the residents there.

The Curriculum

English

Our book this term is a secret for now so the children are surprised. Our English work will focus heavily on reading comprehension, understanding tenses when writing, developing our vocabulary and writing a diary entry.

Maths

We will continue our work 3, 6 and 9 times tables before moving on to the 7 times tables and patterns in numbers.

Science

In Science we will be looking at sound. The lessons will focus on learning about the ear, investigating sounds and exploring pitch and volume.

History

Our topic this term will be on Ancient Greece. As part of this topic we will explore the following questions:

- Culture – Who were the ancient Greeks and how did they live?
- Stories – How did the ancient Greeks fight?
- Legacies – What was Greek art and entertainment like?
- Individual – Why was Alexander the Great great?
- Belief – Who did the ancient Greeks worship?



Art

The artist we will focus on this term is Charles Rennie Mackintosh. We will look at his art work as our inspiration, develop our use of colour by layering paint, and explore dimensions.

P.E.

Our P.E. days will change this term to Monday and Friday. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Monday and Friday mornings and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit.

Home Learning

Home Learning will consist of one set of optional English tasks, one set of optional Maths tasks and a set of ideas for our home learning gallery. This will be given out on Friday 17th January. Maths and English can be brought in at any time. Projects for the home learning gallery should be brought in time for the home learning gallery on **Monday 24th March**.

Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on **Fridays**. I will send children with one book for the week. Please comment positively on your child's reading in the reading record at the end of each book or ask them to write their own comment in their reading diary.

Library

The children will visit the library on **Wednesday** and will be able to borrow one book per week.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

Dates for the diary

Friday 24th January – Y3 and Y4 Open Classroom

Monday 27th January – Young Voices

Friday 31st January – Launch of Parental Room and Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st February – BRPS Cross Country

Friday 14th February – Break up

Monday 24th February – Return to school