

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2024

Welcome back to school, I hope you have had an amazing Christmas and New Year - the very best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to you all. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term, which you can read about in this newsletter. If you don't already do so, please follow us on Twitter to see what exciting things we get up to! @CCCRPRIMARY.

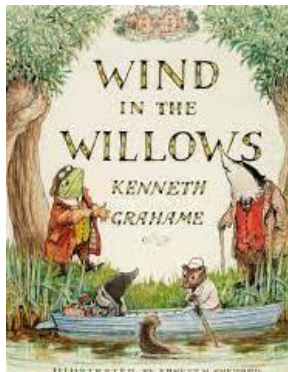
English

In English this term, our work will be based around two books: *The Promise* by Nicola Davis and *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame.



Whilst studying *The Promise*, we will look carefully at the skills needed to understand the character's thoughts and feelings, which will help us when we write a list poem of our own.

When reading the traditional story 'The Wind in the Willows', we will look carefully at the use of fronted adverbials to add interest to our writing. We will be focusing on structures for non-fiction writing ready for our explanation writing of The Water Cycle.



How to help your child in English

Read with your child at least three times per week. Discuss tricky vocabulary and ask your child questions about the story they are reading. You can also practise the Year 3 and 4 spelling words sent home with the homework pack.

Maths

During Spring 1, we will be re-visiting a variety of arithmetic skills including number bonds to 10, 20, 50 and 100 (in some cases 1,000). We will be revising our knowledge of written addition and subtraction methods alongside choosing the most appropriate methods with which to answer questions and problems.

We will also be extending our knowledge of fractions and decimals including money. In our Shape work we will be learning about area, positioning and direction.

In Spring 2, we will look at mental and written methods of multiplication and division including chunking. We will continue to focus on place value including decimals. Following this, we will be focusing on statistics.

We will use everything that we learn to improve our reasoning and problem solving skills and throughout the term, we will continue working on choosing the best method to solve a calculation and work on our mental arithmetic strategies.

How to help your child in maths

Give children the opportunity to tell the time on an analogue clock and ask them to identify o'clock, quarter past and half past. Also help your children to understand maths in the world around them by talking and looking at money (£ and p) when shopping.

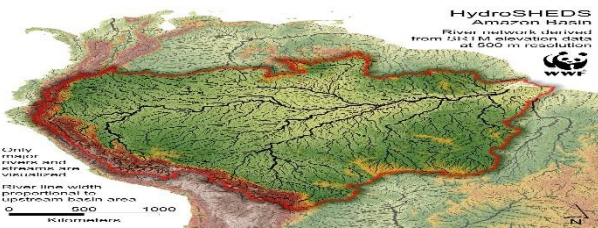
Encourage your child to play on Times Tables Rock Stars. This term we will be learning our 7 times table and re-visiting our 6s and 9s.



History/Geography

We will be studying how hard it was to invade and settle in Britain, focusing on the Anglo Saxons - their invasion, way of life and the end of their rule. We will be exploring the discovery of Sutton Hoo and be looking into the reign of King Alfred to answer the question - was he really great?

In Geography this term, we will be studying the Amazon Rainforest. We will spend time looking at the different countries it covers, understanding the climate, focusing on structure of the rainforest as well as rainforest animals and plants. We will also be looking at current climate concerns regarding the Rainforest and the impact this has on South America and the rest of the world.



Computing

In computing, we will continue to revisit our word processing skills and work on improving our typing. We will also be learning about Databases and coding.

Art



In art we will be looking at the work of British Visual Artist and Photographer, Levon Biss.

Science

During Spring 1, we will learn all about Living Things. We will learn that all living things are classified into different groups dependent on identified features. We will also be focusing on what makes a habitat and potential dangers of changing habitats.



During Spring 2, we will learn all about The Water Cycle. We will understand the terms evaporation and condensation. We will focus on rates of evaporation and condensation and how this works within the environment.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be utilising our survival skills and improve our teamwork during Commando Joe sessions.

RE

In R.E we will look at What is Prayer? and consider how people from different religions pray.

As Easter approaches, we will focus on the story of betrayal and trust and explore what other faiths say about forgiveness.

PE

In PE this term we will be working hard to improve our gymnastics skills. Pro Sport will be in to carry out archery.

General Notices

- PE for this half term will be on a Tuesday and a Thursday.
- Ukelele will continue be on a Monday afternoon.
- Our Spring term homework grid is now available on the school website.
- Mrs Taylor will teach the children on a Tuesday afternoon.
- If you have any questions, or if you would like any further guidance in supporting your child, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us!

Miss Ayres & Mrs Taylor