

Dear Parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to school. We are excited to be working as a job share this year; Miss Hughes will have charge of Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday afternoon and Miss Guy will teach for the other two and a half days, Wednesdays, Thursday mornings and Fridays. All children will be having forest school this term, which will be on Thursday afternoons. Below is a summary of the areas we hope to be covering this term. If you have any questions, please do contact us via Tapestry.

Miss Hughes and Miss Guy.

DT:

We are learning about food groups and the Eatwell guide. They learn about methods of cooking and explore these by cooking potatoes and ratatouille. The children choose and make a taco filling according to specific design criteria.



Maths:

We are starting the term with place value, focusing on ordering and comparing 4-digit numbers. This will be followed by a unit on addition and subtraction. In this unit, we will practise our mental maths skills and column addition incorporating word problems. We will then move onto Multiplication and division. In June, the year 4 children will sit an online Multiplication Check so times tables will be a constant focus throughout the year. After that, we will move onto a unit of area.

Computing:

We are developing our e-safety knowledge and knowing the risks associated with being online. We will also be looking at the Network and how information is shared across the system.

English:

We will begin the term by looking at the book *Counting on Katherine* by Helaine Becker, which will provide the children with the opportunity to create a fact file using specific technical vocabulary. After that, we will read *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. From this, children will write a historical narrative which is set in the Stone Age.



Both units will support the children with their grammar skills, particularly using fronted adverbials, punctuating direct speech, using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause and choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and



PE: This term we will be learning attacking and defending techniques through the game of Basketball and Football. Your child will also have half a term of Forest



School.

Science:

This term the children will learning about animal nutrition and the skeletal system. We will be looking at what different animals eat to have a nutritious diet. Then moving on to looking at the structure of bodies with a skeleton and those without a skeleton and why the muscular system is so important to different animals.

History: Through the Ages

This project teaches children about British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle caused by ingenuity, invention and technological advancement.

Spanish:

This term our topics are:
- 'Meet and greet', children will learn to say hello and goodbye, to introduce themselves, say their age and how they're feeling.
- 'My body', children will name parts of the body, colours and clothes.

RE: This term our two key questions are: 'How and why do people mark the significant events of life?' And 'What kind of world did Jesus want?'

Music:

We will begin by learning about R&B music and then focus on furthering our playing skills on the glockenspiel and the recorder.

Homework: This year, our homework will be to read to an adult 5 times a week, practise our spellings each night and learn our times tables using TTRockstars.