



Welcome to Class 4's Spring Overview



Dear Parents and Carers,

Dear Parents, Welcome back to school for the Spring term. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year, even though it feels like a long time ago. The children worked very hard last term and have returned back to school this year with a great attitude towards their learning. We are very proud of all their achievements and the progress that they are continuing to make. We must thank you for all your hard work with your child at home and your dedication to school.

Remember we are using Google Classroom for spellings, homework and updates.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Errington



Maths

This half term we are focusing on multiplication and division, and the strategies of solving these types of calculations.

We will then progress to learning about statistics. This will involve reading and making tally charts, pictograms and diagrams. After that, we will be moving on to measuring lengths in cm and m.

TTRockstars and Numbots have been a real hit up to now with a variety of children who regularly accessing both programs. Keep up the hard work!

Year 1 will be practising our counting skills and ordering numbers to 100 as well as measuring lengths and height.

We will be practising the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and mental arithmetic to improve our rapid recall skills. We will also be practicing doubles and halves to 10.



English



This term in English we will look at non-fiction writing, poetry and story writing. Writing themes include Florence Nightingale and George's Marvellous Medicine. The English curriculum heavily links in with the rest of the curriculum so this enables the children to have quality writing with real depth.

We have started teaching from our whole school spelling scheme, which has taken the place of phonics for our Year 2 children who passed their phonics screening test. Here children will apply a spelling theme across a two-week cycle in order to embed new spelling rules.

In our reading sessions we will practise our comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text. We will also help encourage the children to use skills such as skimming in order to find information from the text.

Phonics: Year 1 and our Year 2 intervention children will be focusing on phases 3-5 phonics and will be preparing for the phonics screening which will be in the summer term.



RE

The first topic that we will look at this term is Books. In this topic, we will look at the Holy Gospel, how important it is and the time of mass is when the Holy Gospel is shared. We will also learn about some important stories from the gospel.

We will then be moving on to our Eucharist topic where Year 2 will look at Thanksgiving. Children will learn about the importance of the bread and wine during mass.

Towards the end of the term we will move on to Lent topic where children will focus on the theme of opportunities as they prepare for Easter.

Science

During the Spring term Year 1 and Year 2 will be learning about the uses of everyday materials. We will mainly focus on the suitability of materials even carry out some simple experiments.

In Spring 2, both year groups will move on to the topic Plants, which will be a perfect time of the year to learn about growing and caring for plants and wildlife.



PE

Our P.E lessons are delivered by Mr Poole. The children will learn the rules of various net and wall games including throwing, catching and scoring.

They will practise various techniques and then practise these against their opponents. The children will build on their teamwork skills from last year.

This will take place on a Thursday morning, so please remember to have PE Kits in school (White tops/red shorts and plimsols/trainers).

Art, Computing, D&T and Music

Art will be linked with our Geography topic and will be based around African Art.

In Computing, the children will be continuing learning how to stay safe as well as learning about how to represent data in different ways.

In D&T children will be learning about structures for building tents.

In Music the children will be continuing the development of their musical knowledge and will continue learning notation through the playing of glockenspiels/recorders.

French

Bonjour! In French we will be continuing to learn our numbers to 10. We will also continue to say the 'Sign of the cross' during our daily prayers. We will also learn our colours as well as how to pronounce names for our family members.



History & Geography

We will be learning all about Florence Nightingale in History. We will explore her life as a nurse and learn about the impact she had and the impact she still has today.

In Geography, our topic is 'Let's go on safari: Kenya'. As you can imagine this is such an exciting topic where the children will learn about the location of Kenya, the animals and the culture. They will compare this to our own.

Homework

Reading is very important! Please listen to your child read regularly and ensure they bring their reading book and record to school every day. It would be appreciated if you could also write a comment to let us know how your child is getting on at home with their reading.

Spellings will be sent home every other Friday. Please help your child to learn their words each week for a test the following Thursday.

