

Year 4 Curriculum Overview – Autumn term (2)

Our topic this term is: The Great Plague

English

This half term we will be exploring the Pied Piper of Hamelin as a fairy tale. We will listen to stories, read and discuss stories related to the Pied Piper. We will identify, analyse and discuss themes e.g. safe and dangerous, just and unjust. We will also explain the meaning of key vocabulary within the context of the text and make predictions based on information stated and implied. We will continue to draw inferences around characters' thoughts, feelings, actions and motives, and justify with evidence from the text using point and evidence.

We will recap some words from statutory words learnt in year 3, and learn a range of spelling from the statutory word list for Years 4 and 5.

Maths

It is of the highest importance that by the end of the Year 4, the children know all of their times tables (up to 12x). There will be opportunities in class for children to practise these tables. Any practise which your child can do at home will be most beneficial.

This half term we will continue to look at measurement, with a specific focus on length and perimeter. We will use millimetres (mm), centimetres (cm) and kilometres (km) and explore the relationship between them. We will study multiplication and division, using column multiplication and the bus stop (short) method for division. We will apply these skills in both number operations and reasoning problems.

Science

Throughout this Autumn term 2, we will be learning about sound. Pupils we will be learning about how sound travels, differences in pitch and volume and they will explore how to make different sounds using an array of instruments.

Topic

Within topic, we will be learning about the 'Great Plague' and show our knowledge and understanding of the past, by making links between and across periods, such as the differences between clothes, food, buildings or transport.

We will identify where some periods studied fit into a chronological framework by noting connections, trends and contrasts over time. We will also be using Geography skills to name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, to develop locational knowledge.

The topic of this half term is called 'The Great Plague'. The majority of the work we do will be based upon this theme. The lead subjects are History and art. PE, RE, PSHE, Computing, Performing Arts, RHE (Relationships and Health Education) and MFL will also be taught.

In Relationships and Health Education (RHE), we will be focusing on the role of the extended family, exploring the commitment in family life and recognising the importance of sharing each other's lives.

We know that we see you regularly at the start and at the end of the school day and this is a good opportunity to liaise about your children. If you would like to speak to us at greater length, then please arrange an appointment to meet with a member of the Year 4 staff through the office.

We will continue to send home knowledge organisers and homework grids to support children 's learning – please do encourage your children to make best use of these to help them with their learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards,

(Year 4 team)