



# Year 4 Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter

2017 - 2018

## English

During the summer term, the children will be covering a wide range of writing genres. Two new class books will be introduced to inspire narrative writing – ‘The Lion and the Unicorn’ by Shirley Hughes and ‘Wombat Goes Walkabout’ by Michael Morpurgo. These books will also be used to teach about history and other cultures. Sayer’s Croft will be the inspiration for recount writing and the children will be using their Geography topic to create explanation texts. Other genres included, will be poetry and persuasive texts.

## Maths

The children are making fantastic progress with their Maths badges and now as we enter the final term, children should be aiming to complete all thirteen badges by the end of July.

Children will be revisiting topics such as place value (including decimals), addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals and money. Roman numerals, area and 3D shapes will be covered, as well as a focus on mental division, formal written method for division, money problems and ‘harder’ fractions.

## R.E.

Following on from Easter, the children will follow Jesus’ story and recognise Pentecost as a time to renew our faith in the light of Easter as we reflect how, after the resurrection, a time to spread the good news began that became the start of Christianity, the religion we still follow today. Through Pentecost, children will learn about ‘serving’ and how the Good News can both change how we feel and can bring new life. Children will then learn about reconciliation, in particular the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finally, children will learn about other religions in particular Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism.

## Science

Our first unit will be about living things and their habitats. Children will learn about classification, vertebrates and invertebrates, habitats, as well as learning about environmental changes.

Our second topic will be about animals (including humans). The areas for study will be digestion, teeth and food chains.

## Topic

There will be a focus on Geography, in particular rivers and the water cycle. There will be a cross over with Science as there will be study into changing states of water, the creation of clouds, as well as the treatment of water. Children will also learn about flooding and water pollution.

## Computing

There will be a greater focus at incorporating Computing into other lessons, particular mathematics. This will also have the benefit of giving children more regular time on computer devices and embedding good habits and routines. In computing lessons, children will learn about effective searching, and hardware.

## D.T.

Excitingly, children will have an opportunity to work over in the secondary DT department after the GCSEs. Children will work on making moving toys.

## French

In French, children will be covering town and what to do there, hobbies and leisure activities.

## Music

Children will be developing their pitch, rhythm and notation skills in more detail. In doing so, they will gain a secure understanding of the pitches *mi*, *so*, *la*, *re* and *do* as well as whole notes, quaver-semiquaver patterns and dotted rhythms. Children will be playing string instruments, singing, and playing the keyboard. Later in the term, they will have some time to use Music Technology in the Mac suite.

## P.E.

Year 4 will be having swimming lessons offsite. They will continue to work on water safety and confidence in the water. Children will develop their technique of the front and back crawl as well as breaststroke and butterfly. They will also be taking part in the SRR Dance Challenge, by choreographing their own dance, including the different components of dance.

## Homework

Homework will continue as normal, set on Friday and due the following Wednesday.

- Spelling
- Reading (including Bug Club)
- Times Tables (and division)
- Weekly Maths Sheet
- English work

## Important Dates

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**- English Curriculum Evening

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**- Meet new Head of Primary and Admissions Talk for all Primary parents

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**- St Richard Reynolds Feast Day

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**- Bank Holiday

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**- Sayers Croft

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**- House Afternoon

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May– Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June** Half-term

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**- Year 4 Class Assembly

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**- Transition Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July**- Sports Day

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**- House Afternoon

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**- End of school year (1pm)