



Year 4 Summer Term 2024



English:

We will begin the summer term using 'The Wishgranter' as the stimulus for our work. This is a short film which explores the way wishes are granted and what can happen when there are obstacles preventing them from coming true. We will use the film as a writing stimulus to create, setting descriptions, explanation texts, diary entries and more!

Finally, at the end of the term, we will focus on our transition text: 'The Fastest Boy in the World.' We will work towards writing a non-chronological report about Ethiopia.

Spellings will continue to be a focus. These can be found on the Spelling Shed website. Please encourage your child to access the site and practice their spellings for weekly tests.

Creative Curriculum:

This term we are going to begin with how children's lives have changed. We will look at why children needed to work and what kind of jobs Tudor and Victorian children had. We will look at how Lord Shaftesbury changed the lives of children and evaluate the impact of his work. Finally, we will identify the diseases from the past and discuss how effective the treatments were.

After half term, our topic will be 'What are Rivers and how are they used?'. Children will identify water stores and processes in the water cycle and describe the three courses of a river. They will then move on to naming the physical features of a river and naming some of the major rivers and their locations. Children will look at different ways a river is used and list some of the problems around rivers. Finally, we will make judgements on the environmental quality in a river environment and made suggestions on how a river environment could be improved.

Maths:

We will continue learning about decimals; this will link to our unit on money. We will consolidate our knowledge of time by continuing to practice telling the time using analogue and digital clocks and we will convert between 12 and 24-hour clock times. We will also be looking at shape: identifying various 3D shapes and recognising their properties. Finally, we will complete a short unit on position and movement which will include plotting shapes from given co-ordinates and describing translations.

We will be completing our Multiplication Tables Check in June, so please continue to practice with your child and encourage them to log onto TTRS weekly.

Science:

Our topic for this term is Electricity. During this unit, children will learn to sort common electrical appliances into battery and mains powered. They will construct simple series circuits containing a variety of components and understand the difference between complete and incomplete circuits. They will be able to identify whether or not a bulb will light in a simple series circuit and put forward ideas to fix incomplete circuits. The children will plan and conduct an investigation to discover which materials make good insulators and design, construct and test their own switches.

Computing:

This term, children will complete a programming unit. For programming, pupils will look at the difference between count controlled and infinite loops and modify existing animations and games using repetition.

British Values/PSHE/RE

For our British Values lessons, we will be looking at tolerance and mutual respect.

In RE, we will look at why do some people think Jesus is inspirational and what can be learnt from visiting sacred places?

In PHSE, we will be looking at 'Families and Relationship' as part of the Kapow scheme. The lessons will involve boundaries in friendships, the impact of bullying, families are different and bereavement.

PE:

Outdoors: (Wednesday) Children will be working on team games and summer sports including athletics and rounders.

Indoors: (Monday) Children will be learning to play badminton.

Children are expected to wear suitable school P.E. kit as stated in the school policy.

Dates for your diary:

Start of Summer Term: 8th April

Polling day/School closed: 2nd May

Bank Holidays: 6th May

Curriculum assembly: 8th May

Term Ends: 24 May

Term Starts: 3rd June

Multiplication checks: 3rd June – 14th June

INSET Day: 8th July

Parents Consultation: 10th July

End of term: 19th July