

Year 4 Summer Term Newsletter, 2024



Summer Term 1 in Year 4

I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed the slower pace of life for a couple of weeks, embracing and noticing the clues of Spring— not that the weather has been particularly kind or ‘Spring like’. This is always a very exciting term for the children, and will be full of mixed emotions. The excitement of finding out about their new schools begins, yet the reality of leaving their First School is, for some, a big change to deal with.

We have the Year Four residential trip to Kilve Court as a main focus this half term, which hopefully will be a wonderful time where the children will make memories that last a lifetime. Again, there will be some nerves, but once at Kilve it will be great to see the children challenging themselves with the variety of opportunities.

Below I have outlined some of the key points of the curriculum and if you would like any further information, as always, please ask.



The magnificent Kilve Court

English

This half term, we will be learning to write a portal narrative, based on the model text, ‘Elf Road’, with a particular focus on writing powerful descriptions. This will be a creative unit of writing and an opportunity to learn and develop the Year 4 grammar objectives. On our return from Kilve Court, the children will be writing diary entries of their experiences—these will then be made into little scrap books which they will be able to keep forever.

Maths

The term will begin by continuing to explore the relationship between multiplication and division and how to multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100, crucially understanding why the 0 is added. After that, we will look at the concept of co-ordinates, kicking off with a firm favourite, ‘battleships’. We will remain in the first quadrant but will not only learn how to recognize different co-ordinates but also translate and reflect different 2d shapes on the grid. The rest of the term will then focus on fractions. We will start by focusing on the key language required, such as parts and wholes and equal amounts. This will then lead us into the concept of mixed numbers and how they are composed and decomposed. They will explore fractions in a variety of ways gaining a deeper understanding of them, building on previous years learning.

Important Dates:

30th April and 1st May: Parents Evenings

6.5.2024— May Bank Holiday

11.5.2024—Family Day at Kilve (optional—more information on their website)

15th—17th May: Kilve residential

21.5.2024: Year 4 Class and Leaver’s photos

24.5.2024: School breaks up for half term





History

Our main topic this term is *Crime and Punishment Through the Ages*. Through this new topic, we will look at who first brought law and order to Britain; which laws the Anglo-Saxons introduced that still with us today; how the Tudors keep law and order; and how the modern police force was created. To support this topic, we will study the art of 'Banksy' and create a graffiti display wall of our own, in the classroom, questioning whether his art is a crime. This will no doubt lead to some interesting discussions about the political messages conveyed in his art and whether it is in fact a 'crime' because it is a form of a graffiti.

Science

We will be finding out about Electricity this half term. This will be the first time the children have studied this physics based topic and it should make for some interesting science learning. We shall be spending plenty of practical time learning how circuits work using our new top quality equipment.

Year Four will also be starting to present their findings in a whole class science book, which all will contribute to. This will encourage them to think about how to present findings, how to plan fair experiments and the importance of asking questions. We are very much looking forward to this collaborative addition to science in Year four.



Year 4 embracing the wonder and awe of our rainforest workshop during our Noah's Ark school trip last half term.

RE

We begin to look at the Hindu religion this half term during RE. The children will learn what the terms Deity, Puja and Atman mean within Hinduism and develop an understanding of life as a Hindu. We will also study the story of Rama and Sita and the importance of this story and it's characters to key events in the Hindu calendar.

Our school Christian value for this whole term is 'Responsibility'. A very prominent value this term for our Year 4's.

PSHE

Our Jigsaw work focuses on our 'Relationships'. This unit includes understanding friendship, family and other relationships, conflict resolution and communication skills.

PE

PE remains on a Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday's will be Rounders and Thursday's will be Cricket this half term.

We are looking forward to the summer term and will be letting you know plenty more details for the second half in our next newsletter. We are sure this class will embrace this final term of their time at Weare with the enthusiasm and positive attitude that they have displayed thus far.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Hael and the Year 4 Team

