

Year 4 2023 - 24

Spring 2

Parent/Carer Overview

The Core

Reading

Monster Slayer – Brian Patten

During reading sessions, your child will be enjoying the story of Monster Slayer (a retelling of an Anglo-Saxon story). Based on this text, they will revise and strengthen their knowledge of VIPERS.

Every morning, they will practice reading skills in Book Club. Your child will bring home their phonic reading book and/or an Accelerated Reader book every day. These books will be used to develop comprehension skills in reading lessons.

Writing

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Narrative – Your child will write a narrative, developing characters through speech, by adapting the narrative arc from the novel. They will learn a range of skills needed to complete a setting description before independently applying the skills of their writing.

Non- Chronological Report - Your child will write a non – chronological report about the Anglo-Saxons linked to their learning in history . They will refine a range of skills needed to complete a non – chronological report before independently applying the skills to their writing.

Maths

Fractions

This half term your child will be able to recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete object. They will compare and order fractions whilst solving word problems. Your child will extend their knowledge and add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

They will continue to work heavily on their timetables facts to be able to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

Science

Sound

During this half term, your child will carry out a range of experiments to support their learning of sound. They will identify the parts of the ear and their functions, as well as explaining how sounds are made.

The Creatives

Art & Design

Art & Design was taught in Spring 1.

Design & Technology

Healthy Biscuits (Food Technology)

Within your child's design technology lessons, we will be looking at healthier snack options. Through their own research your child will be able to identify ways in which to adapt recipes to design and make a healthier snack.

Once made, your child will then evaluate their product, considering the design criteria.

Music

Boomwhackers and Glockenspiels

Whilst working with Mr Gillson, your child will develop their knowledge of music through working with Boomwhackers and Glockenspiels. Using their knowledge from last half term your child will continue to write their own compositions and have chance to be in charge of a group whilst performing.

The Humanities

Geography

Geography was taught in Spring 1.

RE

The Bible

This half term, your child will continue to learn about Christianity, exploring why is Lent such an important period for Christians.

Your child will learn that lent is a period of preparation for Christians. They will develop an understanding of the temptations that Christians can face today and how they manage them during lent, relating temptations now to those that Jesus faced.

History

The Anglo-Saxons

Your child will begin to understand the connection between the Romans and the Anglo-Saxons after the Romans departed Britain. Your child will gain an understanding of how religion impacted life for the Anglo Saxons.

They will explore Anglo-Saxon life through a visit to Jarrow Hall.

The Wider Curriculum

PE

Swimming, Gymnastics and Fitness

This half term, the remainder of Year 4 will be going to Hetton swimming baths to have instructor lead swimming lessons.

The remainder of the children will be continuing with gymnastics and fitness sessions in school.

When working with Mr Lowerson your child will be developing tennis skills such as hand eye coordination, agility, accuracy in hitting and returning a ball.

Computing

This half term, your child will look at how to select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals. This includes, collecting, analysing, evaluating, and presenting data and information.

Your child will also use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content.

MFL

Essential vocabulary

This half term, your child will continue to extend their French vocabulary relating to homes. They will read, write and speak words and phrases, as well as identifying the gender of a noun from its article in spoken French.

Also, your child will recognise familiar words and phrases in a spoken story or poem and begin to recognise the structure of some French sentences and how they differ from English.

PSHE

Healthy Me

This half term, your child will recognise how different friendship groups are formed and understand that there are people who take on roles as leaders or followers in a group, as well as recognising which one they fit into.

Also, your child will learn how to explain how to say no to someone if they tried to make them do something wrong and recognise when people are putting on pressure.