

## Curriculum Overview

### Summer Terms 2015 Class 4

#### Literacy

Throughout the first part of this term Class 4 will be focusing on narrative writing using the short stories in 'Tales of Outer Suburbia' by Shaun Tan and 'The Hobbit', by J.R.R. Tolkien. There will be a focus on dialogue, elaboration, modal verbs, complex sentences and relative clauses. One week of the term is given for SAT's (Year 6) and tests (Year 5) and in the build up to this, class 4 will be using some time for focussed revision. During the last term, class 4 will focus on persuasive writing, poetry and non-chronological reports. In poetry, the children will be concentrating on description and imagery.

#### Numeracy

Class 4 will initially be covering negative numbers, place value and reading scales. We will then explore percentages and multiplying and dividing decimal numbers. The class will also measure angles and learn about the rules around the internal angles of different shapes. After tests, the children will look at fractions in some depth and also at different strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Finally, we will cover time, line graphs and rate.

#### Science

We have been using the first part of this term to re-visit many of the science topics covered in the last two years in preparation for the tests coming up in May. We are also continuing to extend our knowledge of important people in science and their inventions / discoveries. It is amazing how much we have learned (and remembered since September). We will later be looking at '**Habitats and Plants**'. We will be covering parts of a flower, (we dissected daffodils last week), seed dispersal and the life cycle of a plant. We will consider how plant growth is affected by light, water and temperature. We will use a variety of simple keys and make our own keys to assign locally occurring animals and plants to groups. We will do further work on food chains linked to different habitats eg the sea, woodland, desert, etc.

**Mrs Pearson**

#### ICT

Class 4 will continue to develop their programming skills using 'Scratch'. The children will learn how to 'debug' other people's programs and how to troubleshoot and test their own designs. Towards the end of the year the children will design and create their own game. Please refer to the letter sent home last term about 'Scratch' and how this can be used at home on the Internet.

#### R.E

In R.E. we will be looking at the stories and teachings surrounding the Islamic religion. We will explore beliefs, teachings and authority, pilgrimage and sacred places. We will also learn about Ramadan, Eid ul Fitr and then discuss similarities and differences with the three different religions covered over the year.

## **Humanities**

The children will spend half of the first term finishing their continent boxes which we will present to parents at either the Sharing Assembly or with an open afternoon in the classroom. This will lead into further study into 'The World and its Wonders' with lessons on coastlines, plate tectonics and landforms.

The class will also be partaking in a special economics project sponsored by Virgin Money called 'Make my Money Grow'. More information will be available after Year 6 SATS and the Year 5 Assessments in May.

## **Art/DT**

In Art the children will be creating art relating to their continent of study and will practice a variety of techniques according to the particular art they are working on. In DT they will be creating a craft relating to their continent; again, with a variety of techniques employed.

## **Music**

In the last term they will be listening and learning about traditional music from around the world. We will also be learning and practising for our play.

## **P.E.**

During the first half of this term Class 4 will be swimming on Friday afternoons as well as receiving PE coaching from a specialist teacher in the morning! They will play tennis, football and kwik cricket. In the last term we will practise some athletics and work towards our Sports Day!

## **French**

Mrs Plumbe will continue teaching the class French on alternate Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs Vincent will be teaching on Fridays until the end of July.

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