

Kingfisher Hall Primary Academy

Summer Term 2019 Year 4

English

Year 4 is working from the 'Literacy and Language' scheme which introduces the children to a range of age-appropriate texts and writing techniques. The children will be focusing on writing fiction and non-fiction through writing letters, play scripts, stories, newspaper reports and persuasive writing. For comprehension, we are using Project X Comprehension Express in which ten key comprehension skills are taught through a variety of interesting texts and genres. Spelling is worked on each morning through the Read Write Inc spelling scheme and the children have dedicated workbooks on which to focus on during these sessions. Handwriting will also be practised and demonstrated to the children throughout the day.

Maths

The children will continue working from the acclaimed Inspire Maths scheme, the UK version of a highly effective Singapore maths programme. The scheme places an emphasis on building children's deep contextual understanding and problem solving, through developing key skills and concepts around a CPA approach (concrete, pictorial, abstract). CPA involves using physical objects (concrete), then diagrams or pictures (pictorial) and ultimately using representations such as numerals (abstract). This will help to develop a deep understanding of mathematical concepts, language and reasoning. It will also provide further opportunities to check children's understanding by observing their use of concrete apparatus such as Numicon, Base 10, cubes and counters. This guided practice will develop children's deep understanding and fluency required for mastery. During the summer term, the children will be working on division, worded problems, statistics shown in tables, and graphs and fractions.

Science

This term in year 4, we will be learning about the States of Matter. The children will be focusing on solids, liquids and gasses and how these can be manipulated. They will be conducting experiments and comparing and grouping solids, liquids or gases, observing that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C). They will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

P.E.

In PE, the children will be exploring balance using a range of gymnastic techniques and applying these using apparatus. They will create sequences that include changes of level and speed, and focus on using different body shapes clearly, working with a partner or in a small group. The children will complete their outdoor PE session focusing on striking and fielding techniques and applying these to various outdoor games.

PE Days:

Amber – Thursday and Friday

Quartz – Monday and Thursday

Please remember the children should wear the school PE Kit and should bring it in on their PE days. No earrings or watches should be worn on PE days.

Topic: History / RE

In history, the children will learn about The Great Fire of London and the changes it brought about. They will further discover the types of plagues that existed during this period and the different types of healthcare that existed as well as the various beliefs at the time. In RE the children will be learning about holy books such as the Bible and the Guru Granth Sahib. They will examine how these books help us to understand ourselves and the world around us. They will use their learning to compare and contrast different religions and the lessons they teach.

Computing

In computing the children will have the opportunity to use the iPads, iPods and laptops to create their own Wikipedia page. In this unit, the pupils collaborate to create a 'mini Wikipedia'. They then go on to add or amend content on the real Wikipedia.

Art & Design

In art, the children will be learning about various styles of art. These will include embroidery, needlework (cross stitch) and tapestry; as well as weaving. They will work on various projects to develop and apply their skills by working on various projects.

Homework

Homework is sent out on Fridays and is due in on Wednesdays. It will consist of spellings, maths and English which you can work on with your child to support their learning. Children will be expected to read aloud to an adult daily and be observed reading independently. Adults are encouraged to ask their children questions about the book, to further cement their understanding. Children's reading books will be changed once a week. Please ensure your child brings in their library book and reading record daily.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting to speak with us after school.

Miss Abdulkadir and Mrs Shevki

Year 4 Teachers