

Year 4 Curriculum Letter: Summer 2 - 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are now entering our final half term in Year 4 and we are looking forward to our final topic – The Magna Carta: Law, Liberty and Legacy.

History



We will study a significant turning point in British history with the year of the Magna Carta, 1215, when an English ruler was first subject to the law, being our focus point. We will learn about the events leading up to this; starting with the events of 1066 and the introduction of the feudal system. We will go on to learn about how England's barons clipped the wings of a tyrannical king and established principles that still influence British justice 800 years on!

You, Me and PSHE!



We will build on our history work and develop a sound knowledge of how the United Kingdom is governed and its political system. We will work on achieving an understanding of the role of law and the justice system in our society and how laws are shaped and enforced.

Computing



We will use the iPads to capture images of the events leading up to the signing of the Magna Carta. We will then use publishers to edit and insert text in order to create photo stories.

Literacy and Numeracy



In Literacy we will be writing for a range of purposes linked to our topic. In particular we will be writing Robin Hood inspired stories based on 'Outlaw' by Michael Morpurgo.



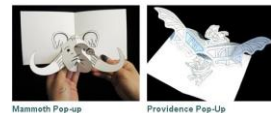
In Numeracy we will be revisiting target areas of the curriculum with a particular focus on reasoning and multi-step problem solving. We will also be assessing children's grasp of the **multiplication** and **division** facts up to 12 x 12. Please practise as much as possible. It is expected, and important, that all pupils have rapid recall before moving into Year 5.

Science



In Science we will be learning about sound. We will focus on identifying how sounds are made, finding patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it, as well as finding patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.

Design and Technology



We will investigate and analyse a range of existing pop-up books and select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to design and make our own pop-up books.



Music, French and RE

Mrs Cole will deliver these lessons in Year 4 every Tuesday morning.



PE

Our P.E. days this half term will be on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday**

Wednesday - Rugby (coach)

Thursday - Hockey

Please ensure suitable kits are in school from Monday to Friday

Kit:

- ❖ Plain T-Shirt (white or red)
- ❖ Black Shorts
- ❖ Trainers/Pumps

Homework and Spellings

This half term spellings will continue be tested on **Thursdays**.

Homework will continue to be a mixture of traditional English, Maths and Learning Logs.

Homework will be sent home each Friday and collected in the following Wednesday.

Reading – As additional homework, we recommend that each child should read for twenty minutes **at least four times a week.**

Books: Each child will have a library book and a home reader (this will be matched to their reading ability). We aim to change library books regularly.

So that they move through the scheme, we expect every child to change their home reading book at least once a week.

Children have the opportunity to change their home reader each morning

Dates for Your Diary

June

Monday 5th June: Class Photographs

Friday 16th June: Come As You Please Day

Saturday 17th June: SUMMER FAIR

July

Wednesday 5th July: Year 3/4 Kwik Cricket festival

Friday 7th July: School Disco

Wednesday 12th July: School reports out

Friday 21st July: School closes at 2pm for the summer holidays

We are sad to announce that Mr Harrison has come to the end of his teaching placement. We would like to thank Mr Harrison for all of his hard work within our class and would like to wish him all the best in his future teaching career.

We are looking forward to another busy half term. As always, pop into see us if you have any questions preferably after school when there is more time available.

Thank you for your support!

The Year 4 Team: Mr Dancer and Mrs Erwin