



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share with you the content of the Year four curriculum for this half term. We hope that this gives you a clear insight into your child's learning and what is going on in school.



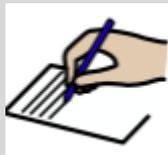
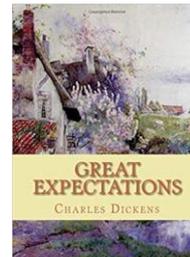
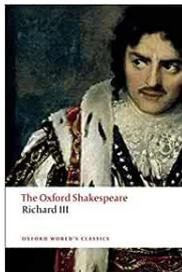
Reading

Our whole class book for the Spring 2 Term is Richard III by Shakespeare and Great Expectations by Charles Dickens.

Richard III is a play by William Shakespeare. It charts the rise of Richard, Duke of Gloucester, a cold-blooded and dastardly villain who slaughters his family and even marries his victim's widow to become king.

Great Expectations by Portsmouth born Charles Dickens tells the story of Pip, a young boy who grows up and learns many valuable life lessons about himself and others.

In our reading comprehension sessions, children will be using their skills to retrieve information from a text, spot key language used by the author and infer meaning and make predictions based on what they have read.



Writing

Our Writing for this half term is based around the above books.

Poetry

Children will learn about Tetractys poetry. These are poems that follow a strict structure of syllables per line.

Character Description based on Richard III

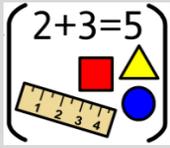
Children will learn to select the best fitting adjectives and use similes and personification and will be able to create an engaging character description about Richard III.

Information Text based on Great Expectations

Children will learn to structure and organise an information text using heading and subheading. Using information learnt from the book Great Expectations, the children will learn how to write in the correct tense using the correct formal tone.

Grammar

We will continue to build on and expand the children's knowledge of grammar this term, by learning about subordinating conjunctions.



Maths

This half term for Maths, the children will build on their prior knowledge and learn about decimals and area and perimeter. Below is a breakdown of objectives they will cover.

Decimals

- Decimal equivalents to tenths, quarters and halves
- Compare and order numbers with same number of decimal places
- Multiply and divide by 10 and 100 including decimals

Area and Perimeter

- Perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes
- Area of rectangles and rectilinear shapes
- Investigate area and perimeter

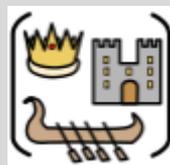


Science

Our Science unit for this half term is electricity.

The children will learn the following:

- What is electricity?
- Electricity in the home and how we can be safe around electricity.
- What is a simple circuit?
- What are conductors and insulators?
- Children will be investigating simple circuits and if a lamp will light.
- We will also be learning about Michael Faraday credit with the invention of the electric motor.



History

Over the Spring Term, children will learn about Vikings.

They will learn the following knowledge:

- Why the Romans withdrew from Britain and what impact it had on Britain
- Where the Anglo Saxons and Scots came from and where in Britain they settled
- Why the Anglo Saxons and Scots settled in Britain and what life was like for them
- Why the Vikings invaded England and where they came from
- How important trade and raiding was to the Vikings
- Who the Viking Gods were and why were they significant?
- What happened to result in the demise of the Vikings in England
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The children will also have a visit from a Viking workshop.



Geography

Our Geography unit for this half term is Locational Knowledge of the United Kingdom, which will build on their learning from Year Two.

The children will learn the following knowledge:

- How land is used within the United Kingdom for economic purposes
- That jobs depend on the human and physical features of the land
- How the physical geography of the United Kingdom has changed over time

They will also further develop their geographical skills and be able to:

- Compare and contrast different countries of the United Kingdom
- Identify and locate the main cities in the United Kingdom
- Use a map to locate key features



Art / DT

In Art this term, children will learn about the Vikings and how they wore a range of jewellery. Both men and women loved wearing jewellery. They wore rings, broaches, bracelets, and necklaces to show their status.

They will learn the skills of sculpting in clay using a variety of tools and techniques.

At the end of their learning, they will have produced a piece of jewellery inspired by the Vikings.



Computing

Our Computing unit for this half term is

Effective searching

The children will learn the following:

How to use search engines effectively

Use search engines to answer questions

Find reliable sources using search engines.

 <p style="text-align: center;">French</p>	<p>This half term, your child will be learning:</p> <p>Write one or two short sentences with support e.g. a model or fill in the words on a simple form – e.g. shopping list; holiday greetings by email/postcard.</p> <p>Begin to spell some commonly used words correctly.</p> <p>Begin to use correct gender forms (un/le, une/la) and plural form (les)</p> <p>Begin to conjugate common verbs, e.g. to have</p>
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 <p style="text-align: center;">RE</p>	<p>In Religious Education this term, children will learn: Ritual and the Paschal Candle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enquire as to what are rituals - Understand how Christians use the Paschal candle in ritual - Evaluate what the value of the paschal candle is in ritual - Communicate what the children's own experience of rituals is - Ask how rituals affect our lives.
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 <p style="text-align: center;">RSHE</p>	<p>In Relationship, Health and Social Education this term, children will learn the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who helps us stay healthy and safe? - It's your right - How do we make a difference? - In the news! - Safety in numbers - Logo quiz - Harold's expenses - Why pay taxes?
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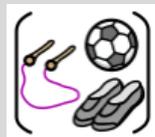


Homework and Remote learning

The following homework will be set each week:

Spelling will continue to be set on Seesaw every Monday to Thursday. We will also be encouraging the children to improve their timetable fluency by spending time on Times Table Rock Stars.

It is really important that your child completes their homework, as it will consolidate the learning they have completed in school. As part of our remote learning policy, we will also set links to new learning, so that your child has a basic knowledge before we teach it in depth. Please encourage your child to engage in the Seesaw platform.



P.E

This half term, your child will be learning creative skills. They will be recognising similarities and differences in movements and becoming creative making up their own rules for movements and activities.

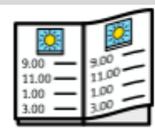
Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on a Monday and Friday if your child is in Portland Bill and a Monday and Wednesday if your child is in Needles.



National Online Safety Award

As part of our Safeguarding and keeping children safe whilst online, we have signed up to the National Online Safety Award.

There are lots of courses for parents and advice on how you can set filters and help to keep your children safe online too. We will be sharing these documents with you over the course of the year. Alongside this, we are also introducing Digital Leaders this year in Year 4. This will really help us to raise awareness amongst children with staying safe online. Further information will follow this half term.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd March – Visit to Central Library

Monday 14th March – Beginning of National Science Week

Monday 4th April - Parents Evening Week

We hope that you found this newsletter helpful. Further information on our curriculum can be found on our website. Please follow our Facebook page (Ark Ayrton) for updates on our learning. Please contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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