



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.



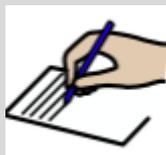
Reading

Our whole class books for the Summer Term are *No Ordinary boy* and *The Sword in The Stone* written by Tracey Mayhew.

No Ordinary boy is about the young wizard who is taken away by a mysterious hooded man. The man is seeking a boy with no mortal father, and Merlin is taken far away, to a crumbling tower and a ruthless king. To a place where his is not the only magic.

The Sword in the Stone is about two brothers who learn of a competition taking place in Londinium to decide the next king of Britain. The elder, Kay, is determined to prove himself worthy as a knight or a king. The younger is Arthur, a farm boy through and through until he sees ... the sword in the stone

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.

Suspense Writing – Sword in the Stone

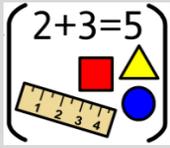
The children will be writing a narrative based on King Arthur and his attempt to pull the sword in the stone. This writing unit will focus on creating suspense.

News Report – Sword in the Stone

Children will learn how to write a news report exploring the specific structure and language used in newspaper reports. They will be writing a news report based on the events of Arthur and the Sword in the stone

Spellings

Spellings will be taught every Friday. They will be tested in class the following Friday. Daily spelling practice at home is set for every child.



Maths

In Maths this term we are learning about measurement and, in particular, the different units of measure and how they are applied in daily life. Children will be learning to convert measurements and will also begin to problem solve using money.

In our maths meeting we will be learning how to tell the time. Time is a life skill that all children need to learn and we would appreciate your support at home. Where you can, asking children to tell the time and practising with them will help build their knowledge and confidence.



Science

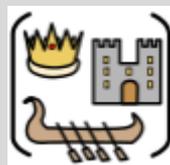
At the beginning of this half term, we will finish our learning on electricity.

The children will learn the following:

- 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.

The new unit for the summer term is living things and their habitats. The children will learn the following:

- The difference between things that are living, dead and have never been alive?
- How living things can be grouped.
- How to classify species.
- How classification keys help group, identify, and name a variety of living things.



History

Over the Summer Term, children will learn about knights and their castles.

They will learn the following knowledge:

- How have castles changed over time
- What are the similarities and differences between Portchester and Southsea castle?
- What was life like in a castle?
- Who was King Arthur and his Knights?
- Why is King Arthur a prominent figure in British History?
- What is the difference between myth legend and fact?

The children will also be visiting Portchester and Southsea castle to learn about the differences and the importance of castles.



Geography

In the summer term we will be completing a field study to look at our surrounding area. We are going on a trip to Southsea castle and will be looking at the area that surrounds it. Children will be able to locate and identify human and physical features in their surrounding areas.



Art / DT

In Art this term, children will learn about Sculpture and the Artist Antony Gormley. Children will be learning about the artist and his most famous pieces of art. They will also examine what techniques he used and use what they have learnt to design and create their own model castle.



Computing

Our Computing unit for this half term is

Animation

The children will learn the following:

Will learn how to animate an object using the program 2 Animate.

Develop their knowledge of the 2Animate tool to learn about skinning (adding a background to animation.)

Learn about stop motion animation.

Coding

Children will learn about different aspects of coding with the final aim of being able to create their own playable game.



French

In French this term we will be learning how to pronounce and say the different members of our family. Children will also learn how to pronounce the letters in the French alphabet.



RE

In RE this term, children will be learning about rituals.

They will learn to:

- Describe the meaning of the concept of ritual
- Describe how Christians use the Paschal Candle in a ritual to remember the resurrection of Jesus
- Evaluate the importance of the ritual by describing the value of the ritual to Christians and by identifying an issue raised
- Describe their own responses to rituals in their own experience
- Describe examples of how their response to rituals applies in different situations, in theirs and others' lives.



RSHE

In Relationship, Health and Social Education this term, children will learn the following:

Being my Best

What makes me ME!

Making choices

SCARF Hotel

Harold's Seven Rs

My school community

Basic first aid



Homework and Remote learning

The following homework will be set each week:

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

We also have the year 4 times table assessment this term. It is very important that the children practice their times tables fluency using Purple Mash, Times Table Rockstars or the resource sent home towards the end of last term.

It is 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.



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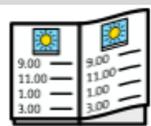
Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on a Monday and Friday if your child is in Portland Bill and a Monday and Wednesday if your child is in Needles.



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 advise 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

Thursday 5th Friday 6th May – Visit to Portchester Castle

Friday 20th May – Michal Morpurgo Book Launch – Portsmouth Guildhall

Thursday 26th May – Library author visit Konnie Huq

July 2nd / 3rd July – Visit to Southsea Castle

In summer term children will be completing their times table assessment. Please ensure that children are practising their times tables daily.

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,

Miss Predeth and Mr Swords