



Curriculum Information for Parents

Autumn Term 1

Year
4

Literacy and Maths

Literacy- This half term our writing opportunities will be linked to each topic. The children will complete an informative report on the Digestive System, a Diary Entry in the point of view of a Viking travelling to Britain and a fact file on Banksy. The skills for these different genres will be taught in Literacy lessons leading up to their exciting writing. Related punctuation and grammar will be taught alongside the writing activities, to help support their learning. Every child will have a reading book, that should be read at home, at least three times a week. These reads must be recorded in your children's planner, ready to be checked every Friday. House points will be awarded for recorded reads in your child's planner. The children will also have the opportunity to read daily in class and have a weekly guided reading sessions with an adult.

MATHS- The children will be carrying out a multiplication test towards the end of the year. It is very important that they regularly practise their times tables, out of order in the run up to this assessment. This can be done on TT Rockstars. The children have a password for this in their planners and this will be checked in school and rewards will be given in class. In Maths sessions the children will be looking at representing and partitioning numbers to 1,000 and then moving up to 10,000. We will also look at more and less than and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. The children will also work on recognising and using Roman Numerals.

Topics

Week 1, 2 and 3: Are we Human? - Science

Throughout this topic we will look at describing the simple functions of the digestive system and learn to identify the different teeth in humans, carnivores and herbivores. We will have a go at identifying different producers, predators and prey. The children will set up a range of simple practical tests and then report their findings in oral and written form and sometimes in presentation form.

Week 4, 5 and 6: Raiders and Invaders - History

During this topic, the children will learn who invaded and settled in Britain after the Romans, what kind of people they were and how they lived. They will also learn about the legacy of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings.

Week 7 and 8: Banksy - Art

The children will become familiar with the work of Banksy and look at using a range of colours confidently and have an understanding of three-dimensional drawings, showing awareness of space. While working through this topic we will experiment with; printing, dying and different grades of pencil and tone.

Religious Education

The children will take part in an hour long RE lesson every Tuesday in their class. This half term we will be focusing on The Trinity – **What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians?**
We will also attend whole school 'Collective Worship', this half term's focus will be **Responsibility**.

Physical Education

Year 4 will take part in PE sessions on Mondays the children will be outside carrying out OAA (Outdoor and Adventurous Activities). On Thursday we will be indoors working on team building games – mainly focusing on Bench Ball. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit on both days.

Computing

The children will be using Purple Mash to help with their computing skills. This half term we will be focusing on Unpacking Hardware and Software. The children will further their understanding of technology and computer systems in relation to their hardware and software.

Home Learning and Other Relevant Information

At St Thomas' Leesfield we value the link between home and school, and we recognise parental support is vital to a child's progress and education. Please encourage your child to complete and return any home learning on time. Please discuss your child's learning and topic work and ask about their Always Badge. Please ensure that your child is reading regularly at home. This will need to be recorded in his / her planner. Planners and the home learning cycle will need to be signed every week and will be checked every Friday. Additionally, children need to be accessing TT Rockstars in preparation for the multiplication check which takes place in the Summer Term.