



Curriculum Information for Parents

Spring Term 1

Year
4

Literacy and Maths

Literacy- The Non-negotiables will be taught for Year 4 throughout literacy and topic lessons. Writing opportunities will be linked to the topics and children will write for different purpose. Related punctuation and grammar will be taught alongside the writing activities. Every child is encouraged to read their reading book at least three times a week at home and their planner will be checked every Friday. The children will also have the opportunity to read daily in class and have a weekly guided reading session.

Numeracy- During numeracy we will be working on length and perimeter. The children will look at measuring in kilometres and metres and then the perimeter of different shapes. Following on from this, we will look at fractions, understanding the whole, mixed numbers and improper fractions. The children are also encouraged to practise their times tables out of order. Not only to prepare them for the summer term test, but to help with their everyday learning in class.

Topics

Week 1 & 2: SCIENCE – High Voltage – During this topic the children will look at a range of different appliances that run on electricity. They will move onto constructing different series circuits, identify, using and naming different parts. The children will experiment with a switch, using different amounts of bulbs and investigating what happens to the circuit when these are used and changes are made. We will also look at a range of different conductors and insulators.

Week 3 & 4: ART – Seurat and Pointillism

During our art topic the children will become familiar with the style – Pointillism, and create a range of art pieces, exploring with colour and texture to create different effects. The children will be encouraged to express their own opinions when working and learn to adapt it when necessary, explaining why they are making changes.

Week 5&6: DT – A Stitch in Time – The children will learn how to join a range of different materials to make a specific product that they have designed. The children will be designing and making a bookmark, using a range of cross stitch techniques.

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 Other Faiths – **Hindu's in Britain today**. We will also attend daily whole school 'Collective Worship'.

Physical Education

Year 4 will take part in PE sessions on Mondays and Thursdays.

Monday – Outdoors -

Thursday – Indoors – Dodgeball

Computing

This half term, during our computing lessons, we will be focusing on Logo programming, focusing on developing the children understanding of commands and programming concepts and shapes. The children will learn to create shapes and letters using instructions that contain advanced features such as procedures.

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.