



Curriculum Information for Parents

Summer Term 1

**Year
4**

Literacy and Maths

Literacy- The Non-negotiables will be taught for Year 4 throughout literacy sessions and topic learning. Writing opportunities will be linked to the topics and children will write for a range of different purposes along the way. Related spelling, punctuation and grammar will be taught alongside all writing activities. The children will have the opportunity to read daily in class and have a weekly guided reading session. It is encouraged that children should read regularly at home, at least three times a week.

Numeracy- In Numeracy, we will continue to work on decimals, looking at and understanding, tenths, hundredths, and thousandths. The children will also look at using money and converting pounds and pence. They will also be encouraged to solve problems using money. We will then move onto time and look at converting analogue to digital time. It is very important that the children continue to work on their times tables, visiting TT Rockstars daily. This will help to prepare them for their times tables test and this will be checked at school daily.

Topics

Week 1 & 2: GEOGRAPHY – Show me the way home – During this topic we will be focusing on the UK, recognising the different counties and regions. We will use atlases to help with this. We will look at a range of topographical features around the UK and look at some of the similarities and differences over time. The children will become familiar with ordnance survey maps and use these to recognise symbols and build on their knowledge of the UK.

Week 3 & 4: SCIENCE – Changing States – The children will focus on solids, liquids, and gases and that some materials can change state, depending on their temperature. We will look at condensation and evaporation and to associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

Week 5 – MUSIC – Reflect, Rewind and Replay – This week we will re-visit the skills that we learnt during our music topic – Lean on Me. The children will use different rhythmic notations to make different compositions and will have a go at performing them in two or more parts.

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 answering the question – **What was the impact of Pentecost?**
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 - Tennis
Thursday – Indoors - Gymnastics

Computing

This half term, during our computing lessons we will look at using effective search engines. This unit teaches children to use search technologies effectively by selecting clear keywords, understanding how results are ranked, refining searches for accuracy, and evaluating online content to judge whether it is reliable and trustworthy.

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 homework on time. Please discuss your child's learning and topic work and ask about their Always Badge. Children need to practise their spellings and read daily. Your child will need his / her planner everyday so that we are able to keep in contact. Planners and homework grids need to be signed every week and will be checked every Friday. Additionally, children need to be accessing TT Rockstars a minimum of three times a week in preparation for the multiplication check which takes place in Year 4, this will be checked daily.