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## Year 4 Spring Term 2A 2022



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you and your families! This half term we have lots of exciting learning lined up and we are so looking forward to sharing this learning together in Year 4.

In **English** we will be looking at the poem 'The Sound Collector' and will create our own poems to perform. We will then be reading Michael Morpurgo's wonderful story 'The Butterfly Lion' as a class and looking at the settings, characters, language and messages within the book. We will be writing letters and diary entries as well as a non-chronological report.

Within **Maths**, we will continue with multiplication and division, looking at mental recall and more formal methods of calculation. Then we will look at how we measure area of shapes. As always, and as discussed during parent meetings, times tables continue to be a huge focus. It is important that children practise their times tables regularly at home as well as in school. There are several websites and games that children can use to do this in a fun, engaging way including Hit the Button and TT Rockstars and old-fashioned chanting works well too!

**Science** - How do I hear that noise? The children will identify how sounds are made, associating something vibrating and that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. They will find patterns between pitch and the object that produced it and between volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. They will recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

In **History** we will answer the question 'Did the settlement by the Anglo- Saxons make England a better or worse place to live?' We will look at the people who lived in Great Britain following the exit of the Romans. We will examine how they lived, built settlements, farmed and traded, what clothes they wore and how they made them. We will learn how we can find out about their lives from primary and secondary sources and look at the significance of the discoveries at Sutton Hoo.

In **Computing**, as part of Online Safety and Digital Literacy, the children will consider the question: Do I spend too long on line? We will identify ways of spending off line time. In IT, the children will be using iMovie to create and deliver a film to their peers linked to the Anglo-Saxons. The children will effectively use key word searches in search engines and select useful websites from results.

**Design and Technology** is linked to our History topic on the Anglo- Saxons. The children will research money containers -then will design, make (selecting and joining suitable fabrics) and evaluate their own purse.





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In **PSHCE**, the theme is 'What strengths, skills and interests do we have?' The children will be identifying what their own strengths are and thinking about how we can improve these and how we all have different and varied talents and interests. We will be learning how important it is to have good self-esteem and how we can maintain our self-esteem and help others to see what their gifts and talents are.

In **RE**, we will continue to study Christianity by looking at Christian beliefs of who Jesus was and where he lived. We will also be finding out about places and festivals that are special to Christians.

In **Spanish**, the children will be learning to name and recognise up to 10 shapes and will attempt to spell some of these nouns. They will recognise that nouns are commonly associated with an article in Spanish and in this case 'UN' or 'UNA'.

In **PE**, we will be doing gymnastics using a variety of balances and turns to create a sequence. This half term PE will be on a **Tuesday**. PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday and returned home on a Friday. Earrings **should** be removed at home on the morning of PE days or **must** be removed prior to the lesson starting by your child.

In **Music**, we will continue with guitar lessons on a Friday afternoon. All the learning in our class Music lessons will be focused around one song: The Bill Withers version of 'Lean On Me.' The lessons present an integrated approach to music where games, the interrelated dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments are all linked, all of which the children find very enjoyable.

Reading and listening to books is a wonderful way to develop vocabulary, fire imagination and visit places around the World, and beyond, whilst building confidence and fluency and we encourage children to read regularly with an adult at home. Additionally, the children have access to reading books, library books and online books (through provided platforms).

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and is expected to be handed back in or completed online by Tuesday of each week.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the curriculum further, please don't hesitate to contact us on [y4cleves@cclt.education](mailto:y4cleves@cclt.education). We look forward to this New Year, new term and all of these new and exciting learning opportunities with your children.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Forsyth and the Year 4 team

