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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Mrs Armstrong

English

We will be reading Michael Morpurgo's wonderful story 'The Butterfly Lion' as a class and looking at the language and messages within the book. There will be many writing opportunities from the book including a letter and a diary entry. We will continue to work on our grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Mathematics

We will be continuing our work on multiplication and division—extending our times table knowledge into multiplying more than two numbers and working in a more formal way (multiplying and dividing by one digit, two digits and finding efficient ways to solve problems.) As discussed previously, it is vital your child practices their times tables everyday. Please continue to encourage your child to engage with their times tables daily at home.

Science—Sound

We will be learning:

- How sounds are made through vibrations.
- How we hear sounds (structure of the ear)
- To look for patterns in pitch and the object that produces the sound,
- To look for patterns between the volume of the sound and the strength of the vibrations.
- How sound becomes fainter the further away
- How to investigate and report the results of sound proofing.

History

We will be learning all about the Anglo-Saxons. We will explore

- Where the Anglo-Saxons came from
- Why the Anglo-Saxons wanted to settle in Britain
- The features of an Anglo-Saxon settlement.
- Which religious beliefs the Anglo-Saxons brought to Britain
- Sutton Hoo



Spanish

We will be learning:

- To revise the phonics used in Spanish speech.
- To retell a familiar fairy story in Spanish. (Goldilocks and the Three Bears)



DT

We will be exploring textiles. We will research, plan, design and make our own containers.



PE



We will be learning a variety of dance skills based on the unit of work "Round the Clock".

We will also be further developing our games skills through '3 touch ball' using our feet rather than our hands.

We will continue with our swimming lessons.

RE

We will be learning:

- About Christian beliefs.
- Who Jesus was and where he came from.
- How the stories of Jesus help Christians in their daily life.



Useful Information

What can you do to help your child?

Reading and practicing spellings a little each day really helps.

Reading books and diaries will need to be in school every day.

Please sign your child's reading diary when they read at home - the children who do read at home are given stamps which accrue for a lucky draw! The benefits of reading regularly at home are enormous.

Please could you encourage your child to use TTRS to ensure they have a rapid recall of the multiplication facts.

Online Resources

TTRock Stars

Edshed

Conquer Maths

PE Days

We have PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure PE kits are in school. We will continue to have swimming on a Monday.

For safety reasons long hair will need to be tied back and earrings also need to be removed.

Our class novel



The Ice Monster by David Walliams

