



Coddington C of E

Primary and Nursery School

Welcome to Year 4

Our Teaching Team for September 2018

Mrs Penn – Class Teacher, Miss Stevens – Class Teacher, Mrs Adshead – PPA Teacher,
Mr Evans – Sports Coach, Mrs Fowler. Mrs Trinidad. Miss Bird

Latest Update - Welcome to the Autumn Term

A very warm welcome to Year 4.

Our topics this term are The Romans and Sound. In P.E. we will be doing football and gymnastics.

Important Dates for your Diary this term

Friday 26th October - Break up for half term

Monday 5th November - Return to school

Friday 9th November – Start Swimming

TBC – American Day

December 14th – Last swimming session

Friday 21st December - Break up for Christmas

January 7th - Return to school

Year 4 Information

Drinks and Snacks

It is recommended that every child brings in a water bottle each day. Please make sure the name is clearly labelled. Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack for morning break.

Physical Education

Year 4 will have P.E twice a week. Please bring your kit and leave it in school for the whole week. Please make sure the children have suitable clothing for each session and that all clothes are clearly labelled. They need warm PE clothes for outdoor sessions. PE sessions will be delivered on Wednesday and Friday.

Homework

In Year 4 children are expected to read every night for about 20 minutes. A general aim is to read 3 times a week to gain an award. Children have an opportunity to change their books each day – please keep to the colour band. Some children may also have high frequency words to learn which will be put in their book bags.

Spellings will be introduced and reinforced in English lessons. There will be spelling homework sent home each week. We encourage parents to help your child learn the spellings. There will be a weekly test to check they can apply the spelling patterns learnt so far. This will take place on Fridays.

Children will be given English or Maths homework on alternate weeks. Homework is given out and due in on Friday. Occasionally the children may be asked to find something at home or look at something in relation to our topics.

Contacting the Year 4 Team

Please feel free to speak to us at the start or the end of day with quick concerns or please feel free to book a time via the School Office to have a longer chat.

Curriculum Overview

In Year 4, in line with the whole school, we have a topic based curriculum encompassing the required elements of geography, history, science, art and DT. During each topic, our English work will link with the topic area so that the reading and writing activities include examples of texts about the topic which the children will read and then write their own versions of. Lessons will also include some shorter session focusing on elements of spelling, punctuation and grammar. Although most Maths lessons will be separate to the main topic, where possible we will include skills such as drawing and interpreting data linking to the topic area.

Our Topics for 2018/19

Autumn Term

The Romans

The focus of this topic is how The Romans conquered and changed Britain. We will find out about Boudicca and The Celts. We look at maps of the UK and identify significant places. We design and make Roman shields. Sound is our science focus this term, children discover how sound travels and experiment with different forms of sound insulation.

USA

The topic begins with the children planning their own road trip around the USA. We discover lots of famous landmarks and learn about famous people doing our own research. The children look at how The Native Americans lived and some of the key events in American history. We will also look at the American artist Andy Warhol and produce our own forms of pop art. In science we focus on electricity. We make our own electrical circuits and learn about electrical safety. We will celebrate our topic with an American day. In computing, we make Powerpoints detailing our road trip.

Spring Term

Potions

This topic will give us the opportunity to create our own potions and produce some fantastic poetry. We will start our topic with a theme day and dive into the world of Harry Potter using this magical environment to inspire our writing. In science we will look at states of matter. As part of our R.E work we will have an exciting Hindu Day, led by Sunita. Madame Stanton will teach us French this term.

Traders and Raiders

This History topic covers The Anglo-Saxons and The Vikings. We will learn about how they lived and where they came from. There will be a focus on design and technology with the children designing and creating their own long boats, which they will sail and evaluate. Our science topic this term will be teeth and eating, we learn about how our teeth work, and which foods we should eat in moderation. We will have music lessons with Mr Stanton.

Summer Term

1066 and Castles

It's probably the most famous date in the English history ... 1066! We will find out about the key people and events during the Norman invasion. We will learn about the lifestyles of the rich and poor. We will design and make our own drawbridges. We will also use the famous Bayeux Tapestry for inspiration when we create our own embroidery.

Summer 2 – Oceans

Our final topic includes a visit to The Deep. This will inspire the children to learn about the oceans and what lies within them. We will explore the different oceans around the world and learn about how to protect them. This will link well with our Science work on living things, we will research different sea creatures and how they survive. We will learn to code in computing this half-term and create our own computer games.