



Core Subject Areas

Message from Year 3 and 4

Welcome back to a new academic year. In Year 3 and 4 this term we will be working hard on building up our stamina for learning, continuing to develop our curiosity and focusing hard on our presentation skills. The children will be discovering lots of new concepts, key skills and understanding in all subjects.

As Writers

We will start by working on basic skills using the text 'Mirror'. We will then begin to use our new curriculum from the Literacy Tree and explore new texts including 'Seed of Doubt' and 'Varmints'. We will be writing poetry, setting and character descriptions, diary entries, speeches – all building up to a motivational leaflet and an explanation.



As Mathematicians

We will be learning all about place value (numbers up to 10,000), developing our addition and subtraction skills (including formal written methods) and then move on to length and perimeter work. In our Maths fluency sessions, we will be working very hard on our multiplication facts.



As Readers

We will split into reading groups where we will access whole class reading or phonics at our own reading levels. We will be answering inference, vocabulary, retrieval type questions. We will practice skimming and scanning skills too. We will be bringing home reading books which we will complete knowledge quizzes on in school.



Home Learning

Home learning will consolidate the learning we have been doing in class. Please support your child with this work and let us know if they find anything difficult. Encourage them to take pride in this work and complete it to the best of their ability. Children will be bringing home books that are appropriate to their reading level. Please read at home with your child to help them improve.



As Scientists

We will be learning about everyday objects and the materials they are made of. We will be grouping objects and materials and learning about the properties of them, using observation skills and making predictions



As Geographers

We will be thinking about Mediterranean Europe. We will be able to name countries in the region, discuss key physical and human features and name some of the mountain ranges



As a Sportsperson

During this term, we will develop our swimming skills with weekly lessons. We will also be exploring Health and Wellbeing with mindfulness activities. We will then move on to be gymnasts



As Musicians

This term, we are listening to music from the Romantic period. We will be singing call and respond songs, composing pentatonic ostinatos and listening to where notes in a song change



As Historians

We will be investigating Life in ancient Rome. We will look at the concepts of empire and civilization. We will look at the class system in Rome and how men and women were treated. We will use sources and evidence to make conclusions.



As Philosophers

We will be thinking about "What is God's job?" by investigating the roles of God through stories and sacred texts, looking at the things God does and what He means to different people.



As Technologists

We start with a unit on animation and use a package called 2Animate. We will be learning techniques, such as onion skinning, ending with the production of our own digital 2D animation.



As Designers

We will be sewing cushions. We will complete our research, create our designs and select our fabrics. We will explore and create applique designs. When finished, we will evaluate our products.



As Artists

We will be exploring light and tone in drawing. We will be looking at paintings by Caravaggio and Vermeer. We will experiment with tints and shades to show form.



As Citizens

We will be looking at 'Being Me in my World' – setting goals, talking about rules and responsibilities and understanding that our actions can affect others.



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