

Brookland Junior School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2024



'Kind, Respectful, Best'

Guided Reading

We will be concentrating on the skills of retrieval and intonation. Additionally, analysing the language the author uses and why it has an impact on the reader.

Handwriting

Children are encouraged to write neatly in joined handwriting where possible.

Writing

Our writing will be based on the following texts during the Spring term:

- The Dam
- The day I swapped my dad for 2 goldfish
- Alice in Wonderland
- Joseph Coelho-poetry



Also, the children will practise their SPAG skills and complete an explanation unit.

Maths

During this term, Year 4 will be covering a range of topics including:

- 7/11/12 times tables
- Factor pairs
- Multiplying and dividing by 10/100
- Formal multiplication
- Formal division
- Fractions
- decimals

In June, the children will be completing their Multiplication Tables Check. Therefore, daily times table practise is essential to help support your child with this.

Science

During Spring 1, the children will be learning about 'States of Matter'. We will cover:

- solids, liquids and gases
- melting and freezing
- condensation and evaporation
- the water cycle



In Spring 2, the children will be learning about the digestive system and how to have a healthy lifestyle.

Geography

Our first topic this term in **Geography** will be 'Water'. The children will be learning about the water cycle, how flooding can affect a community and how water can become polluted.

History

In the Spring Term, we will be doing **History**, and our topic is 'The Romans'. This will include learning about the three main periods of Roman History and Romans in Britain.

RE

In Year 4, we begin by studying Hinduism in the first term. The children will learn about what Hindus believe about Gods and their religious practises that they follow. In the second term, we will be learning about Christianity and this will have a focus on beliefs and practises.

PSHE

Our PSHE lessons will be focused on 'Dreams and Goals'. They will explore setting realistic goals and how they can be achieved. We will discuss perseverance when finding things difficult as well as recognising their strengths as a learner.

Art

During our art lessons this term, we will be focusing on 'Drawing: power prints'. The children will learn about mechanical engravings, proportion, composition and pattern in drawings. The children will combine different media to create their own print.

Design and Technology (DT)

During DT this term, we will be looking at mechanical systems. The children will create a moving car, launch a mechanism and use nets to create a chassis.

Spanish

This term we will be learning Spanish words about the topic of 'Mi Casa' meaning my home. One of many lessons will include learning about how to say they live in a house or an apartment and will be given a choice of where their home or apartment is located.



Music

This term, the children will be focusing on the 'rap, grime and hip-hop' genre. They will be composing and improvising and begin to write their own lyrics.

PE

We will be covering the following units in PE:

- Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Tennis



Home Learning

Year 4 home learning will be based on the spelling patterns we have been learning in class, reading (a minimum of 10 minutes at least 3 times a week). We will also set times tables practise and maths homework in their Maths CGP books which will be sent home every Friday. We will go through the answers with the children on Thursday.

Reminders

PE lessons are on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** every week. Please ensure correct PE uniform is worn into school for these days.

Reading books and reading records must be brought in **every day**.

All children's belongings, including items of clothing, are the children's responsibility, and should be **clearly named**.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

Communication with teacher

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the class email:

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