



Year 4 Spring Curriculum Letter

Mengham Junior School
Spring 2023

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and have enjoyed seeing in the New Year!

History

This term, our History learning will be investigating the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England.

English

English in 2023 begins with learning about what makes a successful poem. We will be studying a repetitive poem and creating our own. We will be using stimuli from the Pirates of the Caribbean to inspire our own setting and character descriptions as well as using suspense techniques.

Maths

Maths will focus on the four operations - addition, subtraction multiplication and division. We will also learn the best ways of solving problems using our division and multiplication skills and apply this learning to real-life contexts.

Computing

Year 4 will learn the basics of the ICT program 'Scratch' to create algorithms. We will then be using our knowledge of algorithms to create a moving scene using 'Crumble boards' which we will have programmed.

Art/DT

This term in art, we will be learning how to draw things in proportion as well as exploring cross hatching to build detail. We will then use these skills to accurately draw dinosaurs. Also in DT, the children will be finding out about healthy snacks and how to make their own.

PDL

In PDL this half term, Year 4 will be learning about how relationships change in our topic 'Changing Families'. We will discuss how families are the same and different, why they are important and what to expect

from them. After half term, we move onto the topic of 'Ups and downs in relationships'

RE

In the first half term, we will be exploring the topic of 'Belonging' and how the weekly Jewish tradition of Shabbat helps Jewish people feel like they belong. After the half-term holiday, we will be studying how rituals affect people's lives and the importance of the Paschal candle to Christians.

Science

In 2023, we will be continuing our longitudinal study focusing on the question 'How do the seasons affect the living things in their habitats within the school grounds?' We will also be learning about how materials exist in three states of matter. We will also find out that when some materials are mixed together, some can be separated again.

PE

To begin with, Year 4 will be continuing to play tag rugby and further develop their gymnastic skills. In the second half of the term, the children will be learning country dancing and cricket.

Geography

Our geography topic is called 'Looking Local' and involves a fieldwork project: travelling the perimeter of school grounds to investigate the types of houses and areas to live on Hayling Island.

Music

Year 4 love music and we will be continuing our learning of duration, dynamics and tempo through the topic of 'In the Hall of the Mountain King.'

French

In French, we will be learning vocabulary to describe how to travel and how to say that we like and dislike things.

Home Learning

We would like to remind you that home learning will take the same format as last term. We would also like to say thank you to parents for



your commitment to home learning. Please continue using the information found in the reading log book. Your children will be asked to read at least 5 times a week alongside times tables and spelling practice. Don't forget our termly reading challenge: to read 8 books! Everyone who completes this challenge, will be awarded a free book of their choice at the end of term celebration assembly.

A reminder...

Please ensure your child has a full indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school each week. This includes black shorts/tracksuit trousers, a t-shirt or polo in their house colour and suitable trainers or plimsolls. A jumper is also a good idea at this time of year. Please ensure suitable tape is provided for earrings that cannot be removed as these cannot be removed by staff. Please make sure that all items brought into school are named.

PE: Mondays and Tuesdays

Key Events & Dates

Home Learning: Due Thursdays and set Fridays

Lime Class Assembly: Friday 3rd February

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 7th February

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 7th February and Thursday 9th February

Half Term: Monday 13th February—Friday 17th February

World Book Day : Thursday 2nd March

Maple Class Assembly: Friday 10th March

DT Challenge Day: Thursday 30th March

End of term: Friday 31st March