



Year 4 Summer Curriculum Letter

Mengham Junior School

April 2024

Summer time!

Welcome to your last term in year 4. We hope that you are feeling excited about this term and all of the learning and activities planned.

Reading and writing

Our focus at the start of this term, is writing a persuasive text to the government to persuade them to help protect and conserve dinosaurs. Later in the term, we will then move on to writing in the style of David Attenborough when he narrates nature programs.

In reading, we will be continuing our environmental theme by reading 'What a Waste' and 'Rubbish Town Hero'.

Maths

Maths this term starts by recapping multiplication and division ready for our year 4 multiplication test. After this, we will return to addition and subtraction and how we can use the strategies we have been practising to solve problems. Finally, we will be consolidating our learning of geometry and measurement.

Science

First, we will be putting our scientist hats on to find out about electrical circuits and then we will be investigating different food chains, habitats and using our pond to help us with this.

Geography

During Geography this term, we will be focusing on the UK and the capital city of London. We will refine our compass and map reading skills as well as exploring the Digi-maps software.

Computing

In our computing lessons, we will be learning how to create and presenting using greenscreens. Later on, we will be using our amazing VR headsets to invent our own toys. In E-safety this term, our focus is on protecting our privacy and security.

PDL and RE

The PDL unit for this term is titled 'Keeping Safe Outside of School.' We will work on understanding risks and avoiding hazardous situations. After half term, we will be thinking about transition and 'Looking ahead' to year 5.

During RE, we are thinking about myths and how myths are explored in Christianity. Together we will look at what myths are, understand the part they play in religion and make links to our own lives. Later on, we will shift our focus to symbols represented in Christianity and Buddhism.

Art/DT

In art, we will be continuing the conservation theme and thinking about how important trees are to our planet. We will be using an artist called Vanessa Stone to practise drawing and painting trees in proportion. Finally, we will practise cross-hatching to make realistic leaves, before attaching them to our very own, sculpted trees.

Design and technology this term is linked to hand puppets. We are going to be planning and evaluating before and after practicing our sewing skills.

Music

This half term, we will be exploring pitch and structure through the medium of the journey of a river. We will then practice varying duration and pitch when listening to 'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds.'

PE

At the start of the term, we will be practising our handball and athletic skills, ready to showcase during our whole school sports day event. Following this, we will be participating in team sports of tag rugby and cricket.

Home Learning

Please record your child's reading in their reading log. We ask that children read for a minimum of 10 minutes at least 5 times a week. In doing this, children will be in a great position to complete 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.

Make sure you rock your times tables on TTRS twice a week for 10 minutes (this does not include shop time!). Also practice your addition and subtraction skills on Numbots, again twice a week for 10 minutes. Optional extra maths work is available on MyMaths.

Spelling homework is set online using Spelling Frame. There will be different spellings each week to practise and the children will be tested on these on a Friday.



Artist — Vanessa Stone

Key Events & Dates
Camping: Friday 10th May
Year 4 Assembly: Friday 24th May
Half term: 27th May— 2nd June
Sports Day: Thursday 13th June
INSET days: Friday 21st June and Monday 24th June
Garden Party: Thursday 20th June
Last day of term: Tuesday 23rd July