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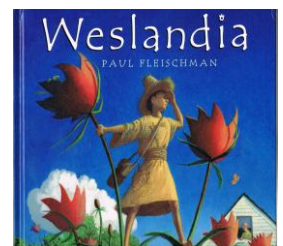
Year 4: Autumn 1

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Please find below an overview of the topics we will be covering this half term in Year 4.

English:

This term, we are beginning our new sequence of learning which is inspired by 'Weslandia' by Paul Fleischman. The children will be learning how to write a character and setting description. Additionally, they will identify features of a book review and complete one based on Weslandia. Finally, they will write a non-chronological report based on their own civilization.



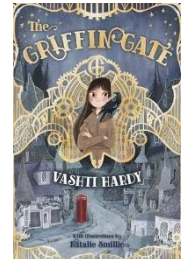
We will also be looking at the poem by 'The River' by Valerie Bloom. This poem takes a river and uses a wide range of literacy devices to bring it to life. In class we will explore the shape of the poem as well as examine the word choice chosen by the poet. We will build up to writing our own lines and stanzas through sentence stacking and will finish the unit with a complete poem inspired by The River with an ABCB rhyming scheme.

Reading:



This term, during whole class reading, Year 4 will be reading Joseph Coelho's 'Zombierella' – a retelling of the fairy tale Cinderella, with a spooky twist! We will find out if our heroine will be able to attend the ball, how she deals with her wicked step family and if there will be a 'happily ever after'...

We will continue to focus on 'Reading for Pleasure' and our recommended read for Autumn Term 1 is 'The Griffingate' by Vashti Hardy.



Maths:

Children will start the term with a focus on place value. They will round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, order and compare numbers and practice counting in jumps of 25. Children will use written methods to add and subtract numbers with up to 4-digits including exchanging when needed. Year 4 will solve problems related to the maths skills they are learning and have the opportunity to reason using mathematical language.



Science:

In science, our new topic is called 'Changes of State'. In this new sequence of learning focused on chemistry, children will compare and group materials together in relation to solids, liquids and gases; observe and conduct experiments about the changing states of materials; and investigate the water cycle whilst identifying the part played by evaporation and condensation within this.



Geography:

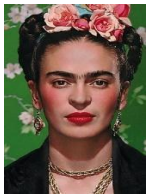
Children will be immersing themselves in the topic 'Rivers'. They will locate the world's rivers on a map and discuss how rivers shape the land, identifying the four types of erosion. Year 4 will carry out research into well-known rivers and explain the process of transportation and deposition. Finally, they will explore why rivers are so important.

PSHE:

We will be tackling the topic 'Being Me in My World' in PSHE, thinking about ourselves as school citizens and how this links to our rights and responsibilities. We will discuss rewards and consequences and develop our understanding of our actions affecting others.



Being Me in My World



Art:

Inspired by the striking work of Frida Kahlo, the children will create a self-portrait. They will identify basic shapes in the face and develop their understanding of facial proportions. They will experiment with sketching facial features, mixing and using bold colours and reflecting a mood or feeling.

PE:

Year 4 will begin the year with Athletics and Netball. In Gymnastics, they will develop their understanding of running and throwing skills. In Netball, the children will develop movement and ball handling skills. They will learn simple attacking tactics as part of a small team and organise themselves to defend their goal.

This term, Year 4's PE day will be **Thursday**. The children should come to school in their PE kits on this day. Swimming lessons will also be starting this afternoon. More information will be provided when it becomes available. Please be aware that your child will need this equipment: swimming costume/shorts, a swimming hat (boys and girls – they cannot enter the pool without one), swimming goggles and a towel.

RE:

This term, Year 4 will be learning about 'Belonging'. They will discuss their own sense of belonging, explain how belonging is expressed and understand that religious people have different ways to show that they belong to a community.

Computing:

Year 4 will start the year off with Collaborative Learning. They will use a range of tools to work collaboratively in a responsible and considerate way.

Music

Year 4 will be experimenting with body percussion with a theme of Rainforests.

French

This term, Year 4's French unit is entitled 'This is me'. The children will be learning how to exchange greetings and share personal information such as names and feelings.

Our recommended website of the term is:

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>



Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Wood