



Year 3/4



What is my child learning this half term?

Literacy

The Ickabog will be the continued focus for this half term. This superb story has been enthralling the children. The discussions surrounding the characters have been superb and we will now be focussing our attention on writing tasks that can accompany the text. Diary entries and letter writing will be a feature. As always, the choice of words will be vital so that the work produced is precise and accurate. Encourage the children to retell the story of the Ickabog at home.



Computing

During this half term, we will be developing our knowledge of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes and outputs. We will then discuss computer networks, including devices that make up a network's infrastructure, such as wireless access points and switches.

Maths

Number and fluency with times tables and the four operations are always the main focus in Years 3 and 4 (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – see our website for the methods).

Miss Forth will be continuing with the work on decimals and fractions. We will be investigating tenths and hundredths. We will also be comparing and finding equivalent fractions. All the times tables are the focus.

Miss Aslam will be concentrating on place value and exploring the relationship between addition and subtraction. The focus times tables are X2, X3, X5 and x10.

Mr Wood will be prioritising basic number skills so that the children are confident when using subtraction, multiplication and division. Fractions and decimals (tenths) will also be explored. The focus times tables are X2, X3, X4, X5 and X10.

Mr Jones will be consolidating basic number knowledge with a specific emphasis on multiplication and division. All the times tables are the focus.

Science

Throughout the half term our topic will be Electricity. We will be using wires, cells and bulbs to make circuits as well as finding out about how to be safe around, and when using electricity. Move over Thomas Edison – Year 3/4 are here!



History

We are studying The Vikings for our topic this half term. The children will be discovering who the Vikings were and why they chose to invade our country. They will see how the Vikings lived and what the impact of the Vikings was on the Anglo-Saxons who were already living in Britain.

We will look at some of the legacies which the Vikings have left in our country.

Encourage your child to research Vikings over the holidays in preparation for this topic.



PSHE

During this half term pupils will learn about the human life cycle and how we develop from being a baby into an elderly person. We will look at and challenge gender stereotyping when it comes to leisure activities and careers. We will look at the impact of a new baby on a family and how it is important to have healthy and happy relationships within our families.



RE and Collective Worship

In RE this half term, we are going to be exploring how people of faith express their beliefs. We are going to be looking in detail at the significance of joining the Khalsa for Sikh believers and comparing this with the Christian act of commitment, baptism. We will then go on to explore the celebration of religious festivals and reflecting upon the significance and deeper meaning of these festivals for believers.

Spanish

This half term the children will be learning about restaurants and table manners. They will be creating their very own Spanish food restaurant where they will be able to order and serve food from Spain.



PE (Physical Education)

In PE we will continue our outdoor games and activities. Where ever we can we will be outdoors so please ensure your children have the correct PE kit, especially appropriate sports trainers.



Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you will find the information helpful.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.