

TERMLY CURRICULUM BRIEF

Summer Term 2017

Prep 4

Subject	
English	Spellings – Year 4 high frequency words with unprepared dictations using some of the word list. Handwriting – practising joined script in pen for those using correct pencil hold and letter formation. Wellington Square/SRA. Comprehensions. Grammar – adjectives, adverbs, speech, apostrophes, identifying parts of speech, conjunctions, types of sentences, punctuation, pronouns, antonyms and synonyms. Creative – Haiku, Cinquain and conversation poems, letter, reports, interview and description.
Mathematics	This term the main emphasis will be on measures – this will include length, area and perimeter, weight in grams and kilos, and volume in litres and millilitres. There will be regular weekly multiplication tests on Friday and mental arithmetic work.
Science	Sound 1. Hearing and Making Sounds 2. Volume of Sounds 3. Pitch Electricity 1. Circuits 2. Changing Circuits 3. Electrical Conductors
Geography	Weather Study. A study of simple factors affecting our weather, including the earth's movements and around the sun and the progress of the seasons. Europe. Selected political aspects of our continent will be revised – in particular countries and capitals. Continued use and understanding of the atlas. O/S Mapwork. Continued use of the 1:50,000 map to revise and develop previous skills.
History	Continue work of medieval Britain. Topics to include the role of the church, growth of towns and guilds and craftsmen, trade and industry and the Black Death, risk of plague ever present during this time. After half term start Tudor Period – Henry VII and Wars of the Roses
French	We shall finish using Red Skoldo Book 1 and start Skoldo blue book 2. Topics to include my family and home and classroom items. Secure our numbers to 50. We should be able to say our name, age, where we live, how we are feeling, what activities we like and know our colours.

RS	This term we begin by thinking about how the apostles felt after Jesus left them and how the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost changed their lives. We then look at the early Christian church with some stories of Paul and finally we shall think about how we are expected to live our lives.
Art	This term the class will be making art based on the work of Henri Rousseau and South American Art. They will be continuing to explore composition, colour theory, making recorded and observational drawings using a range of media, sewing and using clay.
Music	This term the children will be focusing on how music can be descriptive and create moods. They will do this by listening to the all the extracts from The Carnival of the Animals and learning how to identify each animal. Once they have learnt about the composer, Camille Saint-Saens, the children will choose an animal to base their composition on. At the end of the topic the children will perform these to the class and see if they have truly put across the characteristics of their animal in their composition.
DT	 Drink mat designs – design and construction of mat for tea/coffee/drinks – 2 weeks Crazy mirror design – using mirror card and wonderfoam – 1 week Styrofoam sculptures – three dimensional – 2 weeks Mask designs – using a range of materials and coloured acetate – 2 weeks Simple lever and pivot designs using softwood, card and paper fasteners
ICT	This term pupils will be learning how to use a microbit and develop a project in designing a game to be used. They will be developing a power point presentation. They will also look at creating a newspaper as a class including taking pictures and designing text.
Drama	The children will continue their work on team building, trust and co-operation. We will work on a scenario about leaving home - Migration "The Arrival of Shaun Tan". The children will be encouraged to work together to respond to different situations and characters. The children shall also prepare for and perform in our poetry assembly. The emphasis will be on voice production: the children will learn to project their voices, improve diction and clarity.
PE/Games	Games: Simple cricket/rounders activities, including limited game situations. The skills involved in catching, throwing, bowling and hitting will be developed. Athletics - to include sprints, hurdles and relays. In field events simple javelin/ high jump/long jump (where possible). P.E. A collection of activities linked to the cricket/rounders sessions. Racket skills linked to tennis and table tennis. Swimming: Water time will be spent on the development of correct technique and other related activities. All work based on the ASA 'National Plan for Teaching Swimming'.