



Mayfield School

Summer 1 2018

Miss Phillips (4S) and Mrs Gaskell (4M) are pleased to present details of the work to be covered in Year 4 this half term.

In School:

English

In English this half term, we will be investigating poems with structure. Children will be analysing different forms of poetry including haikus and kennings. They will then prepare poems to read aloud, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.

We will also listen to, read and discuss a range of fiction texts. The children will identify, discuss and collect effective words and phrases which capture the reader's interest and imagination. This will then support them to plan and write their own stories with a theme including the development of characterisation.

We will then move on to study information booklets. During this the children will listen to, read and discuss a range of non-fiction in different forms e.g. brochures, leaflets, electronic texts.

Through this they will identify and discuss the purpose, audience, language and structures of non-fiction texts. The children will then apply their knowledge to enable them to plan and write their own.

Maths

We will be covering a variety of topics this half term, some new areas and some as further revision. These will include counting and sequencing using statistics and measures, fractions, decimals and the links to division, measures including shape and area and finally multiplication facts and time. Alongside these units we will also be working on our mental maths skills and consolidating our learning of the four rules of arithmetic.

Topic

Water, Water Everywhere

This topic is a science based topic with opportunities for us to cover additional subjects throughout the half term including geography, history, art and design. During this topic, the children will learn about solids, liquids and gases and their observable properties. We will do this through a variety of activities that include: grouping, classifying, exploring, researching and investigating.

RE – This half-term we are learning to understand how Jews show their commitment to God, comparing their practices in order to explore which shows the most commitment.

PE – This half term we will be continuing our swimming lessons. Children will be learning a range of important skills including lifesaving skills. Children will also be developing their athletic skills, including relay running, jumping and throwing techniques.

PSHE – Growing up and hygiene is the focus of our work in PSHE this half-term. We will be looking at the importance of hygiene and exploring the healthy routines we should do taking part in. We will also be promoting positive behaviour towards one another and looking at the impact this has.

French – We are learning to understand and join in with simple stories using actions.

Music- In Year Four children are given the opportunity to have music tuition during curriculum time. This year we are learning to play the Ukulele. Children are given the choice of taking their instruments home. Instruments must be taken care of as charges will apply if instruments are damaged or lost. **Instruments must be back in school by Monday each week.**

At Home:

Please make sure **you hear your child read every night** and sign the reading diary, which is to be returned daily.

Children should be aiming to change their book twice a week, ideally on a Monday and a Thursday. Children should be reading their book to an adult, when possible, and thinking carefully about what they have read, ensuring that they have an understanding of the text. We also ask that the reading tasks are completed before the children change their books. These tasks will support the development of your child's comprehension skills. To further support your child's reading we have included a 'Prompts for discussion' sheet, in the back of the reading journals, to help with any discussion you may like to have about the book during their reading. Please encourage your child to work through their reading tasks and if there is any that they are unsure of then please encourage them to seek help in school.

PE kits need to be in school **every day** and brought home at half term.

PE is currently on a Tuesday and Wednesday for Year Four, children will have one session a week to go alongside their swimming lessons. Please ensure that they have the appropriate kit.

Children are encouraged to wear sports trainers with non-marking soles (NOT fashion styles e.g. converse/vans etc or astro-turf boots) rather than pumps in KS2.

Swimming is on a Tuesday for 4M and on a Wednesday for 4S. It is very important that the children have the appropriate kits for their swimming lessons, please refer to the letters that were given out earlier this term. Children must arrive at school in plenty of time as the coach will be arriving at 8.55am.

Homework in Year 4 is one piece of either Maths or English per week. This will be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned to school by Wednesday. Please encourage your child to work through their homework tasks and if there is any that they are unsure of then please encourage them to seek help in school.

We would ask that you also download the Mayfield App for information on forthcoming events, as well as for text notifications.

Encourage your child to practice times tables up to 12x, and mental addition and subtraction.

Now the Twitter page has been up and running for a full term, please check it regularly for updates on the children's activities. Our superstar spellers are posted weekly along with certificate winners and all other activities the children take part in.

Please follow us @mayfieldps8 or <https://twitter.com/mayfieldps8>

This looks to be a busy but enjoyable half term for us all in Year 4. We would like to thank you for all of your help and continued support in everything that we do.

