



Year 4 Newsletter—Term 5

DATES

25.04.23: Van Cols to Facilitate Class Photographs

01.05.23 BANK HOLIDAY (ACADEMY CLOSED)

05.05.23 Academy Coronation Celebration

08.05.23 BANK HOLIDAY (ACADEMY CLOSED)

11.05.23—17.03.23 Mental Health Awareness Week

26.05.23 Last day of Term 5

05.06.23: Academy Closed-INSET day

ENGLISH

Pupils will be introduced to the text *Jemmy Button* by Jennifer Uman and Valerio Vidali, inspired by the true story of an indigenous child brought to England to be 'civilised'. The pupils will deepen their understanding of the feelings and emotions of the main characters. They will explore poetry and write their own poems.

In *Destination Reader* the children will be reading fiction and non-fiction texts: 'Cinderboy' and 'Waterfalls, Glaciers and Avalanches'.

MATHS

This term, we continue with our work on decimals. We will then be applying this understanding by calculating with money and solving money-related word problems. We then move on to time and duration. Any money or time related questions you can ask your child at home will help enormously!

Please continue to support your child to practise their times tables.

PE

This term, we will have indoor PE (dance) and outdoor PE (Outdoor and Adventurous Activities). As the weather can be changeable at this time of year, we suggest you send both warm and cool PE clothes. Please ensure all items are named and available in school every day.

READING WITH YOUR CHILD

Our Year 4 children have made excellent progress in reading this year and we are very proud of them.

It is really important for children to keep up regular reading at home to improve their fluency, preferably with an adult sometimes.

Pupils can take a quiz at school after finishing their book - this book is then added to their word count. One of our Year 4 pupils has read over 2 million words already!

Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about reading.

WIDER CURRICULUM

Science: Our focus for this term is States of Matter: Children will find out about solids, liquids and gases through a range of investigations and experiments.

Geography: We will focus on local geography: the Hastings coast. We will make comparisons with other coastal regions, and practise using maps and atlases.

Computing: Children will learn to code, by creating a playable game, thinking about algorithms, IF and IF/ELSE statements. They will test and debug their program.

Music: Children will begin to learn the song 'Blackbird' by the Beatles. They will use a range of musical instruments to accompany the song, improvise and compose.

Art: Children will explore the sculpture of Antony Gormley, using his depiction of the human body to inspire them to create their own sculptures.

French: In Term 5, we will be learning about the seasons of the year in French.

RE: This term the pupils will continue to focus on Christianity, learning about the events of Pentecost and the Christian idea of God's kingdom on Earth.

EVOLUTION OF ME

This term we will cover the important subject of "growing and changing". We will talk about some of the physical and emotional changes that happen during puberty. As part of this learning, the children will recap the names of body parts including genitalia.

Linked to this we will discuss the important issue of private parts of the body, and good and bad touch, using the NSPCC Underpants Rule resources. These can be found on the NSPCC website if you would like to take a look. Finally, we will cover personal hygiene and how to keep bodies healthy and clean.

If you do have any questions about this unit of work at all, please contact your child's class teacher by calling or emailing the office.

TERM 4 HIGHLIGHT— Outdoor learning!

