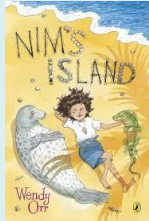


Writing:

In English this half term, the children will be studying and unpicking a Suspense story, identifying its features. They will then be writing their own suspense story.



Reading:

This half term, we are going to be using 'Nim's Island' by Wendy Orr in our class guided reading lessons.

Geography:

What are rivers and how are they used?

Children will look at the human and physical features of our waterways, how they are used and environmental factors that are having an impact on them.

Science: Classification and Habitats

We will be looking at classification of species across the animal kingdom and exploring habitat changes.

Music:

Year 4 will be looking at 'Stop!', a rap about bullying. They will be listening, appraising, composing and improvising.

**Our topic this half term is:
Rolling Rivers**



How have the features of rivers changed due to human activity?

Hook:

The children will be "boarding a boat" to traverse a river, looking at how the river is used and how they have changed with human impact.

Express:

The children will be working in groups to plan and create their own posters or collages to show the difference between a clean and polluted rivers.

Design Technology:

Fastenings: Children will look at the advantages and disadvantages of a variety of fastenings. They will then design and create a book cover adding a fastening of their choice.

Maths:

In Maths this half term, the children will spend the first few weeks practising their problem solving skills before their end of year assessments. They will then be learning about angles, shapes and co-ordinates.

Computing:

The children will be discussing how to keep our identify private and secure on the internet.

RE:

Evaluate the concept of 'Belonging' by describing its importance to Christians and to themselves.

PE:

The children will be working on their health and fitness, describing how and why their body changes during and after exercise and why it is important to warm up and cool down.

PSHE:

This half term the children will be learning about their changing bodies. They will learn the correct terms to describe parts of the male and female bodies and explain why they are private. They will also talk about how to manage their feelings when change happens.

Home learning activities!

•**PE:** Our PE days are **Wednesday and Thursday.**
Please ensure children wear suitable PE clothing.

Creative Zone

- Go to the beach – sketch what you can see!
- Create an animal that might live in a river.
- Create a model of your animal.
- Research one of the rivers of the world.
- Go the aquarium- write about what you did!
- Write an acrostic poem about a river.

The end of the day:

To ensure your child's safety, please can all parents stand *inside* the MUGA at the end of the day to collect their child.

Reading:

We promote the importance of reading and would actively encourage children to read at home four times a week.

Children will be provided with reading passports to record their reading and will visit the library each week to select an appropriate home reading book.

Try asking your child questions about what they have read so far in order to check their understanding.

Maths:

Times tables are what we really want our year 4 children to focus on this half term.

Please encourage your child to participate and play games to help your child learn their times tables up to 12 x 12.

Children are encouraged to play TTRS for 20 minutes each week.

Key Dates

W.B. Monday 8th June

MTC Assessment week

Monday 15th June

Class photos

Monday 15th & Wednesday 17th June

Parents evening

Thursday 25th June

Disco after school 4-5

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July

Transition days

Wednesday 8th July

Year4 Express – Parents in from 2:30pm

Tuesday 14th July

Sports Day

Friday 17th July

Last day of term - children finish at 1.30