



Year 4 curriculum information Spring term 2017

Dear Parents and Children,

I hope you all agree, last term was a great success. With a little help from our Beowulf text, we travelled back to the Anglo-Saxon times and developed our writing, drama and art skills. We travelled around the world with our text, 'The boy who biked the world' and this term is looking like it will be equally as exciting!

In literacy we will be looking at how to develop our writing styles in different contexts, such as newspaper articles and persuasive leaflets. We have kicked off the year with our new text, Stig of the Dump, and have been involved in some immersive learning, building our own Stig of the Dump dens in St Ives.

We will continue to focus on how varying sentence types and structures make our writing more exciting, allowing us to write some 'can't put it down' stories. Through text based learning we will be able to focus on our reading and comprehension skills too.

In numeracy we will continue to secure knowledge on place value and develop a good understanding of formal written calculations methods, now focusing on decimals and negative numbers. It is crucial your child knows their times tables up to 12 x 12 this year and we will be practicing ours in class using games and our Number Zumba time. If your child already knows their timetables there is always room to development with working on corresponding division facts.

Our history and geography lessons will be based around work on the Indus Valley Civilisation and will involve atlas and compass work. Our history topic will link with our second chosen text in literacy and will involve a range of drama and debating opportunities to increase your children's confidence in reading their own work aloud and accepting others opinions. The text also links in with our Religious Education lessons.

PE will be on Wednesday and Friday mornings, please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days. We will be focusing on balance and movement in dance on a Wednesday and competitive ball game skills on a Friday afternoon with Mr Maiden.

In science we will be looking at changes of state, looking specifically at the water cycle, developing our scientific vocabulary and conducting our own experiments.

We will continue to learn Spanish as our Modern Foreign Language and will spend time developing our ability to listen to Spanish, ask and answer questions, develop appropriate

pronunciation and broaden the children's Spanish vocabulary.

We have now made links with the year 4 class at Rainbow Primary School as part of our School Linking Project and we will be visiting Cartwright Hall to meet our new friends this half term.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please pop in and speak to me, Mrs Pheassy, Mrs Ingham, Mrs Churchyard, Mrs Wilkinson or Mrs Dixon.

Thank you

Miss Scaife

Class Teacher