



St John's CE School
Year 4
Summer Term 1 Forecast

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. Well done to all the children for their outstanding efforts last term. We are eagerly anticipating another term filled with exciting learning experiences and challenges. Below is an overview of the curriculum for our Year 4 class this Summer Term.

Please ensure your child starts the term with the stationary they require. In year 4 students require a pencil, a sharpener, a pen (if they have their pen licence), a glue stick, a ruler and a rubber.

English

Writing

This half term the class will be focusing on developing a narrative. Our writing unit is developed around 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. We will begin our unit by exploring endings of classic fairy tales. We will identify familiar characters, how these stories made us feel and if we felt there was a message within the story. We will read an extract from the text and make a prediction about what the story will involve based on this. We will develop our writing skills by exploring character poems. Learners will incorporate expanded noun phrases with adjectives and prepositions to upskill their writing. Throughout the unit we will identify new vocabulary, define it and use it within our own work. We will analyse

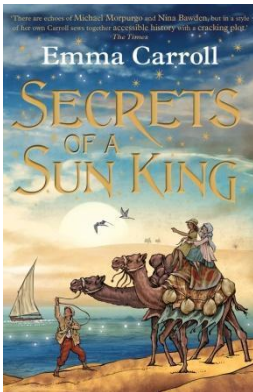
the work of others to identify key features. Learners will discuss the structure and language features of the text. Learners will use roleplay to gather ideas. We will consider what makes a captivating villain and a breathtaking ending to a story. Our end product will be a narrative with a twist!

During our grammar lessons we will be examining Standard English focusing on common mistakes in grammar. We will also be focusing on making sure that we are rereading our work to ensure that our sentences make sense. After half term we will be looking at revisiting the correct use of paragraphs.

Please encourage your children to revisit misspelt words and weekly spellings at home as part of routine home learning. The children will have the opportunity to learn and practise the above spelling rules in class but it is also helpful for them to continue their learning at home as it will reinforce and consolidate their learning.

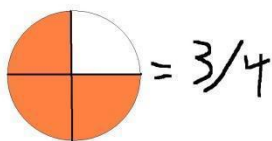
Presentation and Handwriting

We encourage all children to continue using cursive, joined handwriting. Having a tidy desk and work space, using good posture and having a sharp pencil is important at all times. We will be continuing to practise our handwriting every week in class and children are encouraged to ensure that they are joining. This is a key skill that all children will need to apply in lessons.



Our class text is called Secrets of a Sun King which relates to our topic. The children will have the opportunity to listen to and read some parts of the story as well as engaging with text through discussion and questioning. We will complete one comprehension lesson each week focusing on Secrets of a Sun King.

Mathematics

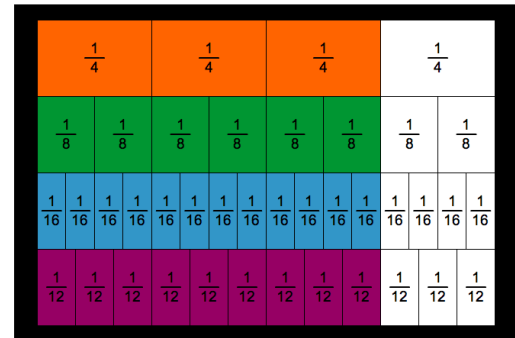


The children will continue learning fractions. They will build on their understanding of fractions and develop their skills in areas such as equivalent fractions, addition and subtraction of fractions and calculating fractions of amounts. The link between fractions and decimals is introduced with children identifying equivalence between fractions and decimals as well as comparing and rounding

decimal numbers. They will then move on to developing their understanding of decimals: recognising tenths and hundredths including tenths and hundredths as decimals.

Important – Please continue regular revision of times tables 1-12, divisions 1-12, number bonds 1-20 and telling the time.

We will then move onto money and time. After half term we will be focusing on Statistics, properties of shapes and consolidating all the knowledge we have been learning this year.



PSHE

As part of our PSHE unit we will learn about money management, budgeting and how to save money. Learners will also be educated on what alcohol is and how it affects the body. We will reflect on our own learning using our reflective logs.

This will help us to see our progress, develop accountability and set new goals.

R.E.

Y4 will explore our second unit this year on Hinduism. We will recap our learning from our previous unit before beginning our learning on what it means to be Hindu. We will consider how good and bad karma may affect how a Hindu chooses to live their life and the similarities and differences between Hinduism and Christianity.

Wider Curriculum

The wider curriculum focus this term will be on Ancient civilisation. The children will learn about the features of civilisations, ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt, artefacts, timelines, new inventions, new technology, everyday life, social hierarchy, significant leaders and all about the end of ancient civilisation.

Science

The focus this half term will be on states of matter. Students will learn to identify and categorise materials into solids, liquids, gases, gels, and powders. Explain the properties and behaviours of each state of matter. Conduct an experiment with ice to observe changes in states of matter. Collect data during experiments and present findings effectively.

Music

This term year 4 will be continuing their drumming percussion lessons. These lessons will take place on Friday. Children will be given a chance to create their own music to accompany the songs we know.



Ways to help at home

Please encourage your children to read aloud daily. Reading aloud has a direct, positive effect on attainment and overall comprehension. Comprehension extends across all curriculum subjects as children progress through school. Therefore, it is important that all children read aloud at home.

Please ensure that children are practising arithmetic, especially times tables and division and quick mental Maths (number bonds, telling time, calculations with money) regularly.

With thanks

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