

Primary 4 Curriculum Overview

April-June 2021

Literacy

Reading: As part of our novel studies, we are focusing on the key skills of inference, summarising and metalinguistics (working out tricky words!)

Spelling: We are continuing to revise the different representations of phonemes (letter sounds) and practising our common words.

Writing: In writing, we are writing information reports linked to our topic, Our Amazing Planet. We are focusing on our core targets.

Listening and Talking: We will be learning to take turns and show respect when listening and talking with others. We will discuss the difference between a question and a statement.

Health and Wellbeing

Have A Goal: Feeling good about the future is important for our wellbeing. We will learn that we need goals to motivate us and these need to be meaningful, challenging enough to excite us, but also achievable.

Expect The Unexpected: We will learn that change is a part of life. Sometimes change can be a positive experience but sometimes it brings with it, disappointments, difficulties or loss. We will learn how to deal with change.

PE: We focusing on developing physical skills through Athletics. We will be focusing on the core skills of running, throwing and jumping through different events. We will look at the techniques in each event, and improve speed, stamina, coordination and control. Towards the end of term we will be participating in Striking/Fielding games (e.g. rounders) and other team games to improve our teamwork skills, ability to follow and understand rules and decision making.

Numeracy and Maths

Numeracy

We are continuing with our SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetic Learning) maths programme, where we are developing our knowledge of numerals, place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.

Fractions

We are learning to recognise equal parts in shapes and of amounts.

Maths

In maths, we will learn to measure length and height. We will measure using standard and non-standard units.

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term, our topic is Our Amazing Planet.

- We will learn about: climate zones; the water cycle; different habitats; the landscape, and how people and animals have adapted to their environment.
- We will begin to locate places on a world map, and will make comparisons between different areas.
- We will also learn about food chains within different climate zones.

For how you can help your child, please see information overleaf.

How can you help at home?

Literacy

Reading

- Please support your child to complete reading homework when it is set.
- Read books with your child regularly and talk about what you have read.

Spelling

- Most of the children have personal spelling lists. These are a list of words that they need to learn. These can be found on our Teams page. Support your child to practise these at home.

Numeracy and Maths

Numeracy

- Talk to your child about what they have learned in school (updates are posted on class Facebook pages). Ask them to show you what they can do!

Fractions

- Encourage discussion about equal sharing at home. You can ask 'is this a fair share?'

Maths

- Look for opportunities to develop measuring skills. Discuss, compare and estimate measurements.

Health and Wellbeing

Set a Goal

- Ask your children what goals they would like to achieve. Talk about what they would need to do to reach each goal.

Expect the Unexpected

- We have really met the unexpected this year! Talk to your child about how they have coped and what they can do to embrace change.

Websites to support learning

www.readingwise.com - all children have a ReadingWise account. Spending some time on ReadingWise will improve reading fluency.

www.sumdog.com - games to support numeracy and maths