



THE BRITISH SCHOOL
ALEXANDRIA
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Curriculum Overview

Spring Term 2020

Year 4

English

This term, Year 4 will be continuing to build their English skills through reading, comprehension and writing a range of texts.

These will include writing adventure stories. We will create newspaper reports. Following this we write some instructions.

Then we will write some personal letters using writing techniques. Finally, we will create some performance poetry

We will be teaching reading skills in reading lessons. This will be ongoing through the term.

There will be weekly spelling rules and lists to learn. These will relate to the spelling and grammar objectives for each week.

Children will be expected to read regularly at home from the Accelerated Reader programme and to take quizzes.

Children will be taught to form and join letters correctly.

Maths

We will be learning a range of mathematical skills, this will include, learning multiplication and division and related facts.

Then, in shape we will be learning how to calculate areas of different shapes.

We will look at the types of fractions and relating these to decimal numbers and percentages.

There will be regular mental arithmetic lessons and tests. These will check progress through the term.

We will set MyMaths homework ongoing throughout the term.

Children need to know all their times tables by the end of the Spring term (up to 12×12).

Science

Across the topics we will cover in term will be Materials - we will look at:
Compare and group materials - Solids/Liquids/Gasses
Heating, cooling,
Condensation, evaporation
Water cycle

Sound - We will study how sound is made and how it is a form of energy. That Sound is vibration, that Sound travels through a material

The further the distance the fainter the sound
How does the length of the string affect the pitch?
How does the thickness of the string affect the pitch?

Topic

Anglo Saxons -
Invaders and Settlers.

Children will learn all about, who the Anglo-Saxons were, where they came from the places they travelled to. We will study why they came to the UK and what they did when they were there.

We will research why they were known as invaders. We will study aspects of their about their culture and customs.

We will apply skills to research a history topic. When we apply research skills we can link these to HPL goals and use cross curricular links to relate the topic to the wider world.

Year 3 and 4 Prep production.

Art

Completion of river paintings - using water colours.

Papier mache bowl. We will use techniques to create a 3D design and then decorate in an Anglo Saxon style. This will link to our History topic.

Production props and backdrop.
This will include a huge range of DT skills including, painting, drawing, backdrop design and woodworking. Costume making and sound design.

Music

This term Year 4 pupils will continue to build upon their recorder skills with a focus on intonation and articulation techniques. They will extend their understanding of fingering to include new notes in the upper register and will develop their understanding of conventional notation. They will also continue to develop their vocal technique in the preparation of songs for the spring production. The children will focus on developing their performance skills and Year 4 will be given the opportunity to take the lead roles in the production. The HPL focus for this term is developing our *Hardworking* skills through deliberate *Practice*.

PHSE

Dreams and Goals & Healthy Me

In Year 4 children will look at their dreams and that sometimes these do not come true. We will look at ways of coping with disappointment as well as working as part of a group. The children will discuss current affairs and develop their flexible thinking. We will look at the body and the things that harm it.

French

In Spring we will be learning how to speak about body parts and features, hobbies , toys and the countryside Skoldo book1 (lesson 32 to 41).
From linguascope:
Daily routine, timing and French breakfast. We will focus on the HPL skills of Practice and Intellectual Playfulness.

P.E

In Year 4 students in Physical Education will be covering the skills and tactics of Invasion Games. They will look at techniques for passing, travelling and moments of attack. They will also explore simple strategies for attacking in small groups together with movement patterns.

Computing

We will design, write and debug a program that will accomplish a specific goal, including controlling or simulating physical systems.

Solve problems by breaking them into smaller parts.

Use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs.

Work with variables and various forms of input and output.

Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs.

Arabic

In the spring term, pupils will read a variety of non-fiction articles. The writing will be related to what they read. In grammar the Pupils will learn some grammatical rules such as:

الظرف - الاسم المفرد - الاسم المثنى - الاسم الجمع - مطابقة الفعل للفاعل تذكيراً أو تأنيثاً - أدوات الاستفهام - أدوات النفي.

Information for parents

Please remember to check Google Classroom each day to keep up to date with important information.

Ensure your child has the Blue Diary in school every day.

Keep reading with parents, keep practising tables knowledge and quizzing children about the world around them.