



Year 4 Newsletter - Autumn Term 1st half 2019

Dear families,

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and your child will find useful.

In our year group this term we will have the following adults;

Ascott - Mr McMahon and Mr Archer
Blenheim – Miss Hong and Mrs Peverall
Osborne – Miss Chahal and Mrs Capstick
Waddesdon – Mr Dinham and Mrs Bravington

Year Leader - Miss Baldwin
Lead TA – Mrs Savage

Maths

The objectives we will cover are as follows:

- Order and compare numbers beyond 1,000
- Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers
- Interpret negative numbers in context, count forwards and backwards with positive and negative whole numbers, including through zero
- Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations
- Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000
- Solve number and practical problems that involve all of the above and with increasingly large positive numbers
- Count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1,000
- Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers
- Interpret negative numbers in context, count forwards and backwards with positive and negative whole numbers, including through zero
- Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate
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- Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation
- Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000

English

In English, this term our novel study will be 'Bill's New Frock'. The children will be creating their own character descriptions, diaries and instructions based on this book. As we move through the term, the pupils will explore different language techniques within poetry, using the book 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne as their inspiration. Towards the end of this half term, the children will learn how to write an effective newspaper article. In SPAG will be focusing on different types of conjunctions and fronted adverbials. Within spelling sessions, the children will explore the prefix -mis, words ending in -sure and prefix -auto. **Please help your child to practise their spellings on a weekly basis.**



Reading

In SQUIRT (Super Quality Uninterrupted Independent Reading Time) we will be reading the text 'Bill's New Frock' By Anthony Browne. Within these sessions we will focus on the following skills:

- Decoding and fluency when reading aloud
- Identifying the similarities and differences between books
- Understanding the main points within the text
- Creating predictions based on the information we know already

Science

Our focus is 'electricity'. As part of this unit the children will:

- Understand the dangers of electricity
- Begin to understand that electrical dangers are often associated with materials that are good conductors
- Identify electrical materials and components required for a buzzer to sound or a bulb to light
- Predict which materials will be good at conducting electricity using their knowledge of the world around them
- Use scientific symbols to represent a circuit

Primary Knowledge Curriculum

Our geography topic is 'settlements'. The children will be learning to describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

Our art topic is 'Visual Arts'. As part of this, the pupils will be taught to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials. They will learn how to improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing and painting with a range of materials for example, pencil, charcoal, paint.

P.E.

Our focus will be Tag Rugby and multi-skills. We will focus on the following objectives:

- To be able to pass the ball accurately and with speed.
- To be able to catch a ball consistently
- To be able to dodge a defender when running towards the goal
- To recognise which activities help their speed, strength and stamina
- To recognise when speed, strength and stamina are important in games

PE will take place on the following days:

Ascott - Mondays and Fridays

Blenheim - Thursdays and Fridays

Osborne - Wednesdays and Thursdays

Waddesdon – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Information regarding PE kit can be found on the year group page of the website.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (containing only water) with them every day. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being.

Snacks

The school continues to acknowledge the importance of good nutrition as an aid to learning. Therefore, can we please remind you that any snacks for break should be healthy e.g. fruit or vegetables.

We look forward to another super term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Baldwin, Miss Chahal, Mr Dinham, Miss Hong and Mr McMahon