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Dear Year 4 parents/carers,

Year 4 Curriculum Letter – Spring (2nd Half)

Message from the teachers

We hope you enjoy your half term break next week. We have some exciting events happening next half term such as a trip to the Natural History Museum. There's also some great events in school such as World Book Day and Science week!

Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

Year 4 Staffing

Spruce class teacher: Mrs Culham

Juniper class teacher: Miss Dear

Year 4 learning support assistants: Mrs Pinchen and Mrs Wilson

Communication

You can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within two working days.

juniperclass@harefieldjunior.com

spruceclass@harefieldjunior.com

Homework

Homework including spellings will be sent home every Friday and is due back in the following Friday.

A HJS banded reading book will sent home every Monday and should be returned by the following Monday.

Spring Term Learning

Next half term we will be learning the following in each subject area.

English

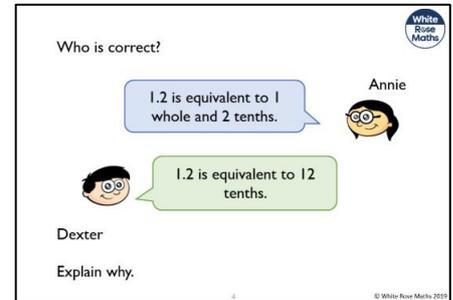
Next half term we will continue to develop our writing skills with a meeting tale based on the story Poppy, Waldo and the Giant. We will begin to explore the story and develop our grammatical understanding which we apply to our own writing later in the unit. Our non-narrative unit will be based on writing a recount. We will continue reading the book 'The Day I Fell into a Fairytale'.

Mathematics

In maths next half term, year 4 will be learning about fractions and decimals, consolidating their understanding of tenths and hundredths and their place value position as well as extending their learning of dividing by 10 and 100 into decimal numbers.

This is an example of a word problem the children might be given to develop their reasoning skills with decimals:

It is an example of a 'reasoning' question where the children are encouraged to explain their answer using mathematical strategies as proof.



We will continue to practise our times tables regularly in preparation for the Y4 times table SAT. Please help the children prepare for this at home by following this helpful link to a suggested website:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check> or Rockstars using the logins previously provided.

Science

The year 4 science unit next half term is titled 'Good Vibrations'. Children will build on their understanding of hearing. They will develop their vocabulary for describing sounds and identify different sound sources. They will learn that sounds are made by something vibrating and that these vibrations travel through a medium to the ear so that we hear them. They will learn that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. They will explore ways to change the pitch and volume of sounds.

Geography

'Earthquakes and Volcanoes' is the title for the year 4 geography unit next half term. In this unit, the children will learn how they are created, the different types and where many are located around the world. We will deepen our understanding in this topic by regularly comparing what we have learned with the UK. We will use atlases to develop our map skills and use opportunities for cross curricular links to practise our reading comprehension and writing skills. Our trip is linked to our learning on this unit.

Design and Technology

In this unit children will explore pavilion structures, learning about what they are used for and investigating how to create strong and stable structures before also designing and creating their own pavilions, complete with cladding.



A pavilion structure with cladding

Physical Education

The two P.E. units in year 4 next half term are 'Dynamic Dance' and 'Badminton'. The unit teaches children to use improvisation; design their own dance moves; link and combine movements; perform with expression; respond to different stimulus and create and perform a dance phrase. In Badminton, children will learn different attack and defence shots and will discover how to use the court or playing space to give them the best chance of scoring points and defending their space.



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Please ensure children come in to school wearing weather appropriate clothing in line with the school uniform policy. ***Please also note: Outdoor PE is on Tuesday, Indoor PE is on Monday.***

Forest School

Forest School will be taking place each Tuesday afternoon for Spruce Class this half term. The children will be given opportunities to learn in nature, building a range of skills and making observations of the changing seasons.

French

Next term's French topic 'Where in the world?' teaches the children key vocabulary related to countries, continents and animals. They will learn key phrases connected to the themes.

Religious Education

In this unit about food and fasting, children will explore the role food plays within religions. They will discuss how food is used in everyday life, before looking at examples of its use within specific religions. Children will learn about food rules within Judaism, how abstaining from food can be a religious act with reference to the Christian festival of Lent, and will consider how and why religious believers fast through looking at the Muslim festival of Ramadan.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Healthy Me' is next half term's PSHE unit, where the children will discuss positive friendship groups, the different roles people can take in these groups and what to do if they are feeling pressured by friends. We will discuss knowing right from wrong and what we can do in these situations. The effect of smoking and drinking alcohol on our bodies will also be discussed in this unit along with why people might choose to drink and smoke.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Culham and Miss Dear
Year 4 teachers