

Year 4
Spring 1

Curriculum Newsletter



Important Dates:
INSET Day:
Fri. 14th Feb.

In **English**, your child will write:

An emotive letter to a neighbouring Native American tribe informing them of the devastation caused to the land by the destruction of trees and nature. This learning journey is based on our text driver 'Brother Eagle, Sister Sky' and will focus on the use of topic sentences and paragraphing, rhetorical questions and time conjunctions.

An entertaining and informative speech persuading members of the public to for Jay to become president of the United States of America. This learning journey is based on our text driver 'The Accidental President' and will focus on the use of conjunctions, tense and informal language including contractions.

In Maths, your child will:

Identify key facts about length to solve problems about length and add and subtract length.

Identify key facts about mass in order to read scales accurately to solve problems and add and subtract mass.

Identify key facts for time in order to tell the time to the nearest minute, read, write and convert time between analogue and digital clocks and calculate durations of time.

Describe positions of triangle on a grid and describe movements between positions as translations.

Recall and use multiplication facts to multiply 3-digit numbers together.

Find the effect of dividing by 10 and use fractions to calculate quantities.

In **Science**, your child will know that:

A substance is an object with the same properties throughout.

A mixture is when more than one substance is present in the same container and how to identify substances.

When a substance is added to a liquid, the substance can disappear and that this is called dissolving.

In **Art**, your child will be learning about and exploring the work of Norval Morriseau who is famous for his use of bold, black lines and bright, vivid colours in animal and nature paintings. Through drawing, painting and resist techniques, we will work in the style of Norval Morriseau, plan and create our own outcomes and evaluate them. Throughout this learning journey, we will be comparing our art work to that of the artist and our peers through the use of key vocabulary.

In **Geography**, your child will know that:

North America is one of the 7 continents in the world and it consists of 23 countries.

The Tropic of Cancer is an imaginary line in the Northern Hemisphere and the Tropic of Capricorn is an imaginary line in the Southern Hemisphere.

The human and physical geography of North America including that Lake Superior is the largest lake and Denali is the highest mountain.

The similarities and differences between deserts and grasslands including key geography such as Missouri is the longest river and Death Valley is the lowest point.

The comparisons of the deciduous forest of North America and of the UK.