

St. Lawrence School Curriculum Letter- Year 4

Summer Term 2018-2019

Welcome to the summer term and our final term in Year 4. Please see below plans for the upcoming months.

Writing

In dedicated writing sessions we will be reading and writing stories with a dilemma. The children will be looking at the structure of a story, focusing on ways of starting sentences, developing characters by what they do and what they say. We will be looking at paragraphing and how to connect paragraphs. This will culminate with the children writing their own dilemma story. We will also be looking at non-fiction writing in particular creating reports about specific marine life and persuasive letters focusing on the effects of tourism on marine life.

Reading

During our reading session we will be reading Charlotte's Web and we will continue to work on the reading skills of being able to-

Summarise

Predict

Discuss the use of the language chosen

Discuss the structure of a text

Find it and prove it

Spellings

Weekly spellings will be given on a Tuesday and the children will be tested the following Tuesday.

Maths

Decimals- adding and subtracting decimals, ordering tenths and hundredths on a number line.

Measures- pounds and pence

Time- hours, minutes and seconds, years, months, days, analogue and digital time 12 and 24 hour.

Statistics- interpret charts, draw line graphs

Geometry- properties of shapes, position and direction.

On-going- all four operations, number bonds, doubling and halving, ordering numbers, factor pairs, times tables.

Weekly Clic test which will be sent home regularly with targets set.

Science

Our science units for this term will be 'Teeth and Digestion' and 'Living in the environment' with a particular focus on habitats. Much of the science will be hands on and we will be finding examples of animals living in rock pools and ponds during our visit to the Scout Hut. Throughout both topics the children will continue to develop their scientific enquiry skills, in particular writing a conclusion and recording results in different ways including tables and charts. Children will continue to develop their own investigations which they will plan and carry out.

Creative Projects

Our creative projects this term are 'The Blue Abyss' and 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile'.

'The Blue Abyss' focuses on life under the sea. Food chains. Environmental issues. Sea creatures. Layers of the Ocean.

Our trip to St. Ouens Scout Hut will give the children the opportunity to go rock pooling with Jo Stansfield from the National Trust who will give the children a deeper understanding of life in a rock pool. We will also be using our school-sponsored beach clean to investigate first hand the problems that plastics and waste have on our beaches.

'Burps, Bottoms and Bile' focuses on teeth and digestion. The children will be learning all about the role of the importance of healthy teeth, having a balanced diet, germs and bacteria, the process of food of digestion.

Art

Much of our art this term will be linked to our topics. Through the 'Blue Abyss' work we will be focusing on local artists Jane James to produce clay fish and Peter Knight to produce landscapes of the beach using a range of media. We will also study patterns and textures using close hand observation skills.

P.E.

Our P.E sessions this term will be every **Monday and Thursday**. During this term we will be looking at athletics and rounders,

Please can you ensure that your child comes into school on those days wearing the correct school P.E. kit and suitable trainers. Hair needs to be tied back for safety reasons and jewellery removed.

ICT/Computing

In ICT/Computing children will use the Internet and e-mailing to research. They will be using multi-media to create an advert about the Great Barrier Reef. Alongside this we will be looking at Internet safety and discussing how and when to use e-mails.

P.S.H.E.

Towards the end of the summer term the children will start their P.S.H.E. unit of Living and Growing where we will look at how we have changed so far in our lives and what other body changes we will go through as we become adults. More information will be provided nearer the time and opportunities to view the DVD will also be available.

As always we will be changing our buddies every week and thinking about how we listen and talk to others.

R.E

This term we will be looking at 'Buddhist Festivals' and 'Belonging and Family'. Through our R.E we will continue to develop our tolerance of others and understand and the importance of sharing in our global community.

Dates

Library trip - Thursday 2nd May

Scout Hut- 7-8th May

Shared learning afternoon Wednesday 22nd May at 2.00pm

Please feel free to come and see me at any time if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, as always I do operate an 'open' door policy.

I look forward to another busy term with your child this term. If you have any concerns or questions please contact me at c.fitzpatrick@stlawrence.sch.je

Yours sincerely,
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