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St. Lawrence School Curriculum Letter- Year 4 Summer Term 2024

Welcome to the summer term and our final term in Year 4. Below I have briefly outlined our learning for this term.

Writing

In dedicated writing sessions we will learning to write non-fiction texts in the form of leaflets and magazine articles. The children will be looking at the structure of persuasive writing, focusing on the specific layout and features of these types of texts and the language used. We will be looking at paragraphing and how to keep our writing clear and succinct. This will culminate with the children creating their own leaflets and magazine articles.

Throughout our writing sessions the children will continue to use various forms of punctuation. We will be recapping full stops, capital letters, question marks and exclamation marks, commas in lists and to mark clauses.

Reading

In dedicated reading sessions the children will be reading the non-fiction text 'James and the Giant Peach.' Through our shared reading the children will continue to develop their reading skills by checking their understanding of a text, discussing features and the structure of the texts, summarizing, paragraphing and using a dictionary to check the meaning of words. The children will continue to develop the reading skill of A.P.E:

Answer it - What is the answer to the question you have been given?

Prove it - Show how you know this is the answer with pictures, diagrams, calculations or in another way.

Explain it - Write some sentences to make it clear why you came to the answer.

I will continue to collect in Reading diaries every Tuesday. The children are expected to read every night at home, and I would appreciate it if you could sign their diary twice weekly. Children are encouraged to record any independent reading they do at home also. Children are given the option to choose a levelled book from school or read an appropriately levelled book from home.

SPAG

During our reading sessions we will be looking at spelling, punctuation and grammar. Our punctuation and grammar this term will focus on using an exclamation mark correctly, apostrophes for possession, speech marks, contractions, words that have been pluralised, sub-ordinate clauses, sentence openers, determiners, present perfect form and whether a noun needs a or an before it.

Spellings will be given every **Monday** to be handed in that week (the quicker it is done, the more points they receive!)

Mathematics

The children will continue to work on their times tables and will be sent a times tables sheet every Monday to hand in by the Friday.

In Maths lessons we will be covering the following units:

Decimals A

- Tenths as fractions
- Tenths as decimals
- Tenths on a place value chart
- Tenths on a number line
- Divide a 1-digit number by 10
- Divide a 2-digit number by 10
- Hundredths as fractions
- Hundredths as decimals

Hundredths on a place value chart

Divide a 1- or 2-digit number by 100

Decimals B

- Step 1 Make a whole with tenths
- Step 2 Make a whole with hundredths
- Step 3 Partition decimals
- Step 4 Flexibly partition decimals
- Step 5 Compare decimals
- Step 6 Order decimals
- Step 7 Round to the nearest whole number

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Step 8 Halves and quarters as decimals

Money

- Step 1 Write money using decimals
- Step 2 Convert between pounds and pence
- Step 3 Compare amounts of money
- Step 4 Estimate with money
- Step 5 Calculate with money
- Step 6 Solve problems with money

Time

- Step 1 Years, months, weeks and days
- Step 2 Hours, minutes and seconds
- Step 3 Convert between analogue and digital times
- Step 4 Convert to the 24-hour clock
- Step 5 Convert from the 24-hour clock

Shape

- Step 1 Understand angles as turns
- Step 2 Identify angles
- Step 3 Compare and order angles
- Step 4 Triangles
- Step 5 Quadrilaterals
- Step 6 Polygons
- Step 7 Lines of symmetry
- Step 8 Complete a symmetric figure

Statistics

- Step 1 Interpret charts
- Step 2 Comparison, sum and difference
- Step 3 Interpret line graphs
- Step 4 Draw line graphs

Position and direction

- Step 1 Describe position using coordinates
- Step 2 Plot coordinates
- Step 3 Draw 2-D shapes on a grid
- Step 4 Translate on a grid
- Step 5 Describe translation on a grid

Maths Fluency

The overview of Key Fluency Facts are on our Fluency policy (p28 and p29). If you are able to help your child secure their knowledge of these facts, that will be really helpful <https://www.stlawrence.sch.je/wp-content/uploads/Fluency-Policy-November-2022.pdf>

Science

Our science units for this term will be 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Animals including humans.' Throughout both topics the children will continue to develop their scientific enquiry skills, in particular writing a conclusion and recording results.

Topic work

Our creative project this term will be 'The Blue Abyss'. Throughout this topic we will be finding out about the blue world around us and how important the oceans and seas are for our planet. In Geography, the children will learn the names and locations of our world's oceans and seas using an atlas, maps and globes. We will link our learning to our Science topic, thinking about the layers of the ocean and which creatures have special adaptations in order to survive there. We will learn about the features of the seabed, and the plants and animals that inhabit particular oceanic areas, such as coral reefs. In our history-based sessions, the children will explore some oceanic history linked to Jersey and also a look at the Titanic as an important event in history.

Art/DT

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Our art this term will focus on drawing and painting. We will be looking at fish in detail and finding imaginative ways to create shimmering scales. We will also be learning about the conservation of our oceans through art and the children will create an installation to bring to life the reality of what plastic is doing to the sea life in our seas and oceans.

Our DT project this half term is all about recycling. The children will invent innovative designs in which we turn plastic bottles into something that can be used again and again. Let's see what they come up with!

P.E.

Our P.E sessions this term will be every **Wednesday and Friday**. Wednesday's session will be swimming lessons run by Jersey Sport at Haute Valle. Please do ensure that on swimming days your child comes to school with their swimming clothes under their P.E. kit. All children will need a towel, a swimming cap, a pair of goggles and underwear. On Friday we will be doing rounders, learning the skills associated with throwing, catching, bowling and competitive sports.

ICT/Computing

In computing, children will be learning how to edit and modify images for specific purposes. We will be using our computing skills during writing sessions to create a leaflet, learning and practicing our word processing skills and using the various tools and features available. Alongside this we will be looking at Internet safety and discussing how and when to use e-mails.

R.E

This term we will be learning about Christianity. The children will explore the meaning of the Pentecost to Christians and what difference this makes in how they live their lives. They will gain knowledge, understanding and skills needed to handle questions raised by religion and belief, reflecting on their own ideas and ways of living. After the half term, we will be exploring the question 'How and why do people try to make the world a better place?'

French

This term the children will complete their work on animals and then move on to vocabulary associated with clothing. This will be taught by Mrs Wilderspin.

Music

Mrs Wilderspin will continue teaching Year 4 Music this term. Recorder skills will continue to be developed alongside units of work focussing on composition using pentatonic scales this half term and then working towards a whole class musical performance after term.

P.S.H.E.

PSHE sessions we will be thinking about growing and changing. This will involve how our bodies change as we grow as well as thinking about transition and loss.

Out of school experiences

This term, the children in year 4 will experience some fantastic firsthand experiences around our wonderful island. We are taking part in a workshop run by Jersey Arthouse in the first week back, which helps children to understand our island's unique ecosystem. We will be doing our overnight residential at the Scout hut, which includes activities at St Ouen's Pond and the Wetlands Centre, linking to our Science and Geography learning. We will also be going Rock pooling at La Rocque, to support our topic learning.

General

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 k.delacloche@stlawrence.sch.je

Yours sincerely,

Katie de la Cloche

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