

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust everyone had a restful Christmas holiday and is ready for another busy half term. I am looking forward to another exciting term and the upcoming teaching and learning.



Literacy



As authors, will be exploring two very exciting texts. First up is 'Hermelin the Detective Mouse'. The children will listen and learn about this new exciting story and have many opportunities to explore new language, sentence structure and creating their own published pieces of writing. Spellings and homework will be given out weekly on a Monday. Homework is due in the following Monday. The expectation is 15 minutes of homework each evening, this will also include reading.

Mathematics

This half term we will start by focusing on Decimals, time and Money. This will continue to include the CPA approach using the Maths No Problem scheme. We will continue to use our oracy skills and learn new mathematical language, and as well as focus on problem solving.

All the way through our maths learning we will be applying our learning to solving real life problems. Any time you can practise real life mathematical problems this can be helpful to discuss in the classroom, for example using money at the shops and telling the time using analogue and digital.

The children can also work on TTRS to practice their times tables fluency. There are weekly battles with certificates up for grabs in assembly.

Science

As scientists, we will be exploring how to build and create circuits. This will include specific scientific language, the opportunity to discuss components of electricity and explore using concrete materials. If you would like to support this topic with some home learning, please check the BBC BITESIZE website and head to the KS2 science section.

Art

This term, following a very successful printing topic, our new focus will be creating collages through paint. We have already had the opportunity to explore the use of paint. We will now look at artists, both local and well-known, create our own designs through careful planning and build on work from Year 3. I am excited to support the class in this new topic. If you have any old magazines and newspapers at home, please send them into school as soon as possible.

History

As Historians, we will focus on crimes and punishments throughout history. In a few weeks' time, it is careers week. I have invited in some guests to speak to the class about modern day crime and punishment and how it affects their job role. I am looking to speak to a police officer or prison officer, however I am not having much luck. If you know anyone who would be free to come and speak to Year 4 about their role, please pass them my email r.boyle@samares.sch.je.

PSHE / RE

In R.E our focus topic is the religion of Buddhism. We will explore how Buddhist live their lives, celebrate and discover Buddhist traditions. We will also continue with our Jigsaw learning in PSHE. With this term's focus being, Healthy Me.

French

French will continue to be taught on a Monday by Mrs Creswell. The class have already learnt days of the week, months of the year, birthdays and counting to 50. This half term, we will focus on greetings and having conversations. Au Revoir!

PE

Our PE days for Year 4 are Wednesday and Thursday, children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days. This half term, we will work on improving our fitness skills through physical literacy and we have Dragos coming into school from Jersey Sport to teach dance.

Music

Mrs Lawrence will continue to inspire us with her weekly music lessons, our songs will be inspired by the theory of music. We will also be learning the violin this term with Jersey Music Service. Please ensure that all forms have been returned to school as soon as possible.

Computing

Year 4 will continue with our new and exciting ICT program. This half term we will learn about programming, writing and performing basic commands, algorithms and creating patterns on the computer.

General Information

I hope this gives you an insight into what life and learning in Year 4 will be like. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Next half term, we will go on our annual trip to Crabbe. I will send out all the letters and information in the next few weeks.

Kind Regards,

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