



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 4 (St Peter)

Half Term 2 2020

Maths

In Maths we have a focus on addition and subtraction, using resources (Base 10, Numicon, Place Value Counters) to help us as well as through written methods such as column addition and subtraction. We will also look at conversion, including measuring and calculating perimeter before ending half-term using this conversion to help with our multiplication and division.



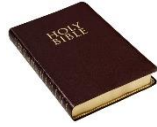
English

In English we are diving into our new class book 'Use Your Imagination'. Children are going to predict what the book is about, before putting themselves in the shoes (or claws!) of the characters. They will recognise the key features of the text before creating their own dialogue of a narrative. We will be focussing on punctuating direct speech and looking at how people speak in our SPaG lessons.



RE

In RE we are going to be looking at the Bible. We will learn what the Bible is for, how to read it, including how to locate passages and how to find specific chapters and verses as well as looking at stories from Moses, Abraham, David, Jonah and Mary.



PE

Mr Gibson is teaching our PE on a Monday this half-term and we are very excited to be continuing with our Dodgeball topic, looking at not only throwing and catching skills but also how to use tactics in our gameplay.



Curriculum- Roadtrip USA!

History – As History is being made in the USA right now, what an exciting time to be learning about America! We will be learning about Native Americans (the Iroquois tribe).

Geography – We will be using world maps and maps of the USA to locate states and research them.

Art & DT – We will be designing and creating our very own Totem Pole or Native American Dreamcatcher.

Computing – Before introducing ourselves to Scratch, a computer programming website, we will continue to recap basic word processing techniques and remind ourselves how to save work!

Music – Mrs Allanson will be using her musical expertise to teach us all about Glockenspiels. This links well with our Science for the half-term.

Science – Shhhhhh! Sound! From being as quiet as mouse to making a racket, we will learn how sounds are made, how we hear these and explore the pitch and pace that we can make through sounds.

French – We are going to continue to recap regular phrases, body parts and colours as well as learning nursery rhymes and comparing them to the English equivalent.



Homework

Maths: Timetable Rockstar's has weekly challenges and competitions. All children must access this each week as at the end of Year 4, children are expected to know their times tables up to 12. This includes the inverse. We will have a weekly timetables test.



Spellings: These will be taught discretely throughout the week. Please check your child's planner or the website for their weekly spelling lists.

Reading: Children have reading on both Active Learn Bug Club and a reading record book. The books vary in

To help your child at home, you could:

- Read to and with your child. Help your child with words but also ask them questions to gauge their comprehension knowledge. There are some great links to questions to ask during reading if you are not sure what to ask on the website. Alternatively, just Google 'Reading Vipers Questions' and click on the link from the Literacy Shed. There are some super questions on here.
- Support with their statutory spellings for Y3/4. Look, cover, write, check is a simple format to use for this.
- Practice times tables (1, 2, 5, 10, 4, 8, 3, 6) and division facts.



length, so once your child has read the book either with you, or told you about what they have read, they may put it in the box to be changed. Please make sure that you sign the reading record book. When possible we would recommend that the children are **reading daily** at home, even if it is only for 5 minutes.

In addition to this there may, occasionally, be some homework sheets given out or Topic projects. The children will be told about these and a ParentMail will also be sent out providing the details.

- Here is a fantastic list of books recommended for children in Year 4!
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-4-pupils-ks2-age-8-9/>

Thank you for all of your support through the first half-term. We have absolutely loved working with the children and can't wait to delve into what Half-Term 2 has in store for us!

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch via the office.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Lorimer, Mrs Allanson and Mrs Walker