

English:

Reading: We will continue to read *The Midnight Fox* by Betsy Byars.

Writing: Will be linked to the class reading book. Class 4 will be writing letters, a description, a non chronological report and a persuasive speech.

Grammar: We have covered most of the grammar for the year, so we will be revisiting what we have previously learnt.

Ways to help at home

- Practise spellings at home.
- Reading daily, ensuring lots of genres and interests are covered.
- Completing 'Talk Homework'

RE: The last two topics in Year 4 are 'Building Bridges' and 'God's People'.

The children will be thinking about building bridges in friendships and linking that to the sacrament of Reconciliation.

In 'Gods People' the children will explore some extraordinary people including saints.

PE Athletics:

- Focussing on the elements needed for the Borough Sports. For example:
- Long distance run
- Sprints
- Hurdles
- Standing jump
- Tennis ball / turbo javelin throw

Tennis : The children will continue to practise forehand, backhand and improving their co operative rally.

Rounders and Netball, with years 5 and 6.

Computing: We are explorers

- Children will find and create their own pictures of a trip to the beach.
- Using picture editing software children will edit their pictures and put them into a gallery.

Ways to help at home

Discuss e-safety and the importance of it with your children.

Water, Water Everywhere!

Mathematics:

Class 4 will be finding the area of shapes, translating shapes and identifying triangles and quadrilaterals.

They will be continuing to review and revisit the four operations, mentally and written.

Revision of Big Maths work: Coin and smile multiplication, Jigsaw numbers, Where's Mully and multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100.

Ways to help at home

-Revise and ensure that children know all of their times tables thoroughly up to 12 x 12.

-Complete My Maths homework.

Topic

Science: States of matter including the water cycle.

Geography: Looking at the geography of the local area including the origins of the River Thames. We will be identifying continents and some countries within them. Finally, we will be locating the major rivers (and towns which they go through) in the UK. Class 4 will learn how to use four figure grid references.

History: Southend then and now and the growth of the British seaside resort.

Art: We will be studying Monet and learning about Impressionism. We will be creating our own versions of Monet's work.

D&T: The children will be designing, making and evaluating photograph frames to put their Monet paintings in.

Outdoor Learning

As part of our *Water* topic, the children will be visiting the Nature Area as much as possible.

They will explore the area, learning about the trees, plants and animals that live there and how to take care of them.

The children will also play team games and learn how to use various tools. This is very beneficial to the children's development and they will learn lots of extra-curricular skills as a result. Plus they will have lots of fun!