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Dear Parents

Year 4 Subject Summaries: Summer Term 2019

I'd like to wish you a warm welcome back to the summer term. I have no doubt it will be another busy and exciting time at school and I thought you would like to know what your child will be studying.

English

The children will read an interactive eBook 'Did the Shang Dynasty really exist?' retrieving and collating information about China. During this unit, they will explore historical evidence and timelines, answer questions and consider what information is true and relevant. Their focus for writing this half term will be non-chronological reports. Their class novel after half term is 'The Iron Man'. They will continue to develop their comprehension skills by asking and answering questions and making predictions. They will also look at the author's use of powerful language, including similes, and incorporate this within their own writing. Their grammar sessions will focus on apostrophes to show possession, nouns and pronouns, singular and plural agreement, noun phrases and punctuating direct speech.

Maths

Pupils will continue to read, write and compare 4 and 5 digit numbers. They will solve problems using all 4 number operations and will consolidate their understanding of mental and formal written methods. They will understand, read and write numbers up to 2 decimal places. They will multiply and divide by 10 and 100, including numbers with 2 decimal places, understanding the shift in place value. They will calculate the perimeter and area of shapes, name and classify 2D and 3D shapes and use coordinates to draw shapes. Finally they will draw bar charts and line graphs.

Science

In Science, the children will cover the topics of Grouping Living Things and Dangers to Living Things. They will use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. They will also recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. They will construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. On Monday 10 June, they will visit the Life Science Centre and take part in a workshop on circuits and conductors.

Art/DT

The children's art and DT work will be linked to their topic of the Shang dynasty. They will make irrigation models and they will make and taste some traditional 'Shang' food.

French

Pupils will work on sounds and spellings and be encouraged to use the language more creatively. They will learn expressions for likes and dislikes and learn how to justify opinions, learn some common adjectives and revise how to make simple feminine agreements.

Physical Education

During this term, a range of sporting activities will be covered. In games such as tennis, cricket (for the boys) and rounders (for the girls), the emphasis will be on improving basic skills and increasing the understanding of match play. In swimming, pupils will continue to develop their technique in all

3 basic strokes. In athletics, pupils will learn about a variety of individual events and their performances will be recorded and monitored. There will also be some preparation work for sports day which takes place this term.

History

This half term, the pupils will study The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China, where they will discover key information about the formation of the Shang Dynasty and the kings who ruled it. They will learn about everyday life, the process of worship, the importance of warfare, advances in technology and the development of writing. After half term, the children will study life in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, a period covering a million years of history. As well as understanding the chronology of this fascinating time, the children will learn about food, religion, homes, technology and art.

ICT

The children will create an informative and interesting tour of our school using photos, text and audio recordings. They will research interesting points of history related to the school and explore a range of presentation techniques. They will also produce a non-chronological report in a multi-media presentation.

Music

Pupils will learn how melody lines can be supported by sustained accompaniments. Their listening activities will focus on the sound of individual instruments and music depicting animals and birds. Note recognition is developed through regular keyboard playing. Pupils will learn songs in a variety of styles, some in preparation for The Big Sing and for this term's production, 'Bugsy Malone'.

PSHE

This term, the children will explore the differences between males and females and name the body parts. They will describe some of the body changes that happen when we mature and they will develop an understanding of personal space. They will also discuss different types of relationships, including those between friends and families, civil partnerships and marriage. Finally, they will take part in discussions on wishes, hopes and dreams, as well as positive and unwelcome change. They will continue to have opportunities to practise mindfulness techniques throughout the term.

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Pupils will continue their study of key inspirational figures. They will study an introductory unit to Buddhism and will explore the life of the Dalai Lama. Following this, they will look at the lives of other inspirational figures, such as Malala Yousafzai, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Bear Grylls and Fauja Singh.

I do hope you find this information useful so that you can support your child in their learning. If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch: claire.thompson@redhouseschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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