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Dear Parents

Year 4 Subject Summaries: Summer Term 2021

I would 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

During the first half term, the children will study *The Spiderwick Chronicles* by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black. In this unit, the children will explore fantasy fiction and practise their comprehension skills by asking questions and developing their understanding of inference. They will learn how to create suspense, as well as their editing and proof-reading skills, as they write a new episode for the story. Their grammar sessions will focus on punctuating speech, fronted adverbials, apostrophes for possession and plural and possessive '-s'. After half term, they will explore the question 'What is the world's most incredible sport?' where they will plan and write their own newspaper report and distinguish between fact and fiction.

Maths

Pupils will continue to consolidate their understanding of number and place value, including rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, as well as decimal numbers. Mental addition and subtraction methods will be on-going, as will formal written methods. They will recall multiplication table facts up to 12 x 12 and learn strategies to multiply and divide a 3-digit number. Division answers will include those with remainders. They will find equivalent fractions, simplify fractions and order and compare decimal numbers. Pupils will sort 2D shapes according to their properties, recognise and draw angles, identify parallel and perpendicular lines, and investigate lines of symmetry. They will also solve money problems to two decimal places and use a number line to find change.

Science

In Science, the children will cover Human Nutrition and look closely at the human body. During their Human Nutrition topic, they will describe the parts and simple functions of the digestive system, including identifying different types of teeth and describing their simple functions. The children will explore digestion through practical experiments, evaluating and recording their results. They will further develop investigative skills, working collaboratively to plan investigations considering all elements and reflecting on their practice and outcomes.

Art

The Art work covered this term will be linked with our English and Aztec topic work. Pupils will use a variety of media and techniques to express characters, settings and ideas from the *Spiderwick Chronicles*. They will research and recreate Aztec patterns using a wide range of materials including

fabric painting. Throughout our Art lessons, children will develop their assessments skills by reflecting and reviewing work.

French

Pupils will work on sounds and spellings and be encouraged to use language more creatively. They will reinforce current knowledge through online programmes and begin to develop an understanding in French for parts of the body.

Physical Education

During this term, a range of sporting activities will be covered. In games lessons, the emphasis will be on improving basic skills and increasing the understanding of match play in cricket and rounders. In swimming, pupils will develop their technique in all 3 basic strokes. In athletics, pupils will increase their confidence in a range of field and track events, and their performances will be recorded as they prepare for sports day.

History

This term the children will be studying the Aztecs, a group of warriors that settled in the valley of Mexico in the 14th century. Within this topic, they will explore locations including human and physical features. The children will further develop their research skills, looking closely at education, social hierarchy and architecture from this period. They will also examine and compare the organisation and training of the Aztec warriors. The children will learn about the belief and worship of the Aztecs and how this impacted on daily life.

Computing

Computing will continue to support other areas of the classroom-based curriculum. The pupils will also 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.

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 clapping rhythmically, music games and some theory activities. Pupils will learn some songs with a seasonal theme.

PSHE

During the summer term, the children will consider the importance of keeping themselves healthy and safe including risk taking behaviour, medicines and drugs (such as alcohol, tobacco and caffeine). They will also learn how to recognise and challenge stereotypes. Using a range of resources, the children will develop their awareness of how the body changes throughout puberty. Mindfulness practice will be embedded throughout the weekly timetable, with opportunities for the children to explore meditation, gratitude journals and self-reflection.

RS

This term, the children will learn about food and fasting, exploring the role food plays within religions. They will study the food rules of Judaism, how abstaining from food can be a religious act with reference to Christianity, and the Muslim festival of Ramadan. Children will then discuss how food is used within religions for celebrations, before applying all they have learnt to plan a celebratory feast.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Thompson'.

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