



Central Primary Curriculum Overview – Year 4 – Spring Term

Subject Area	Content
English	<p>Reading: Independent reading will happen every day, every child will read with an adult at least twice a week and some children read with an adult every day. Additionally small groups will have a structured guided reading session with the teacher once a week.</p> <p>Writing: In English, on the first part of the term, we will be looking at <i>persuasion</i> texts. Thinking about the features and language within the text type. Building up to writing our own persuasive letter. Following that, we will start a new unit on <i>play scripts</i> where the children will learn about written dialogue. They will begin to read scripts out loud before performing and eventually writing their own script. In the second part of the term, we will look at <i>poems</i> and their writing features such as metaphors, similes and personifications. We will also work on <i>characters and story settings</i> through our class book 'The firework maker's daughter'.</p>
Maths	<p>We will be looking at the following areas in maths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fractions • Decimals • Time • Data handling • Area and Perimeter • Position • Problem solving <p>In conjunction with these areas, each unit will include mathematical investigations, in order to allow the children to understand the relationship between maths and everyday life.</p>
Science	<p>Scientific Investigations Skills: We will be learning to ask questions that can be investigated scientifically and decide how to find answers. We will be learning to think about what might happen (predicting) and suggest ways to collect and record data.</p> <p>Science Content: This term will be learning about states of matter and their properties. We will learn how all <i>states of matter</i> are observable in everyday life and we'll carry on an investigation to observe how they change. We will also look at <i>sound</i>, including learning about how to classify sounds, vibration and how we perceive it and measure it.</p>
ICT	<p>This term the children will be creating their own <i>TV programme</i>. This will include evaluating existing programmes, plan and write a script for the different sections (interviews, news broadcast, adverts, and cookery, etc.), recording it and evaluating the final outcome.</p>
Topic	<p>Art: Linked to our Topic unit on the Rainforest, we will learn and apply <i>collage</i> techniques, experimenting with colours and drawing leaves and flowers.</p> <p>History: We are learning about the <i>Aztecs</i>: where they came from, how they lived and what contributions and effect they had on our lives today.</p> <p>Geography: In geography we will be studying the <i>Rainforest</i>. This will include the <i>water cycle</i> and river features.</p>
Music	<p>We will be continuing the voices foundation project. This term we will be consolidating our listening skills and developing our ability to pitch match.</p>

P.E	In PE, we will be completing the <i>Tag Rugby, Hockey, Cricket and Handball</i> schemes of work.
French	In French, we will be studying the weather. The children will be looking at describing the weather and creating their own weather forecast. As part of their work the children will be learning about <i>Le Soleil et Le Vent</i> a fable about the weather.
PSHCE	In PSHCE, the focus topics will be <i>Going for goals, Economic well-being, Good to be me</i> and <i>Living in the wider world</i> . These sessions will include circle time where the children can safely express themselves and solve any issues within the classroom.
R.E.	Our focus religion for this term is <i>Sikhism</i> . However, children will be able to reflect and share their own beliefs in relation to belonging and special foods, as well as developing their knowledge and understanding of other faiths.
Educational Visits	
Things to bring	Children must bring their reading book, spelling book, reading record and homework diary to school every day. They may also bring a water bottle to keep in class. Please also remember to bring a full outdoor PE kit including trainers.
Dates to remember	10 th & 11 th January – Chinese festival days 27 th January 2017 Beam Class Assembly 30 th January – Chinese New Year 3 rd February 2017 Beech Class Assembly 10 th February – 100 days