

Year 4 Curriculum News – Summer Term



The topic that will be studied across most areas of the curriculum this term is 'Extreme Earth', where we will be answering the question: How does our Earth change and how does this impact the world around us?

Languages, Literacy and Communication

This term, our literacy work will be closely linked to our *Extreme Earth* topic. We will explore stories from Africa to inspire our own narrative writing, including adventure and imaginary worlds. Pupils will also develop their poetry writing based on nature and the Earth, alongside strengthening their non-fiction skills through information texts, reports and newspaper writing based on real and imagined environmental events. Extended writing will continue to take place on Fridays, and children will further develop their grammar, dictionary and thesaurus skills. Reading will include a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topic. Weekly spellings will be sent home on Thursdays and tested on Mondays, and handwriting sessions will focus on improving fluency, letter formation and joins. Parents can support by encouraging regular reading at home and helping children to learn their spellings.

In Welsh, children will learn and use topic-related vocabulary linked to Extreme Earth while continuing to develop their skills. They will build confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing through a range of engaging activities and games designed to support their language development.

We will continue to build on our French learning this term, developing children's confidence and fluency through speaking, listening, reading and writing activities.

Maths & Numeracy

In maths, we will begin by revisiting fractions, including identifying equivalent fractions, finding fractions of amounts and comparing fractions. We will then continue to develop understanding of place value and the four operations, applying these skills to a range of problem-solving activities. In shape, data and measures, children will work on money, bar graphs, line graphs, area and perimeter, as well as exploring number patterns and sequences that require deeper thinking. Weekly maths homework will support this learning, and parents can help by practising times tables regularly and revisiting any challenging work.

Humanities / Expressive Arts – Extreme Earth

Our *Extreme Earth* topic has a strong geography focus, exploring how our planet changes over time and the impact this has on the environment. Children will investigate landscapes and coastal features, including a school trip to Southerndown Beach where they will experience and study the

local environment first-hand. They will use this knowledge to write reports and present their findings. In Expressive Arts, pupils will explore artists inspired by the natural world and use a variety of materials and techniques to create their own work. As part of this topic, children will also take part in an exciting “Film in a Day” project, where they will collaborate to plan, create and perform in their own film.

Science & Technology

In Science, we will focus on water, exploring solubility and saturation through practical investigations to understand how substances dissolve and what happens when no more can be dissolved. Children will develop their scientific skills by predicting, observing and recording results. In Technology, pupils will continue to build their digital competence by using a range of tools and programmes to support and enhance their learning, including creating digital content.

RVE

As a Church in Wales Primary School, Religious Education will be taught discretely using the Understanding Christianity scheme of work. This term, children will explore key Christian concepts and values, as well as learning about other faiths and engaging in reflection and worship activities.

Health & Wellbeing

PE lessons will take place on Thursdays and Fridays, and children should have their kits in school from Monday to allow for any changes. Pupils will take part in both indoor and outdoor activities and should wear appropriate kit. Year 4 pupils will be taking part in swimming lessons from **8th to 19th June**. These sessions will provide an excellent opportunity for children to develop their confidence and skills in the water, as well as learn important water safety techniques. Further details, including arrangements and what children will need to bring, will be shared with parents and carers closer to the time.

General Information

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and should be completed within a week, focusing on maths and spelling tasks. Children should use their homework books to practise and are encouraged to access additional online learning where available. Reading will continue regularly in school, and pupils are encouraged to read at home as often as possible. We have an open-door policy, so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

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