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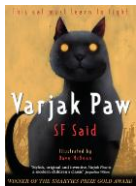


Summer 1 Newsletter Year 4

Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

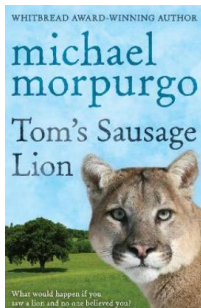
Maths

This term in Maths we'll be covering a range of topics. We begin by finishing our unit on Decimals from last term, before going into our Money unit. Students will be given the chance to calculate various sums while properly identifying British coinage. Afterwards, we'll move onto our Time unit, where students will be exploring how to convert analogue time to digital, as well as the 24-hour system and examining topics such as "What is a leap year?" We will round out the term with a consolidating unit on fractions, giving those students who would benefit from the extra practice an even better chance to succeed.



Literacy

Our Literacy unit this term centres around the novel "Varjak Paw" by SF Said. This gripping novel follows the journey of a young Mesopotamian Blue cat named Varjak, who ventures out into the unknown to save his family. Along the way, he uncovers ancient secrets, encounters danger, and learns what it truly means to be brave. The main writing focuses this term will be to use speech marks, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.



Reading

This term we shall be studying a poem called 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright and focusing on how the poet's language choices impact on our response to the poem. We will also be linking our reading to our literacy by delving more deeply into the world of 'Varjak Paw'. As a contrast, we shall also look at the writing of Michael Morpurgo's book, 'Tom's Sausage Lion'. We will look at developing the children's ability to respond to questions by using quotations from the text

The Wider Curriculum



In R.E our focus this term is Islam, with a particular focus on the Islamic holiday of Ramadan. The key questions the children will be exploring are "What does Ramadan mean to Muslims?" The children will be discussing and learning about the importance of the five pillars of Islam and the traditions that accompany Ramadan.

SCRATCH



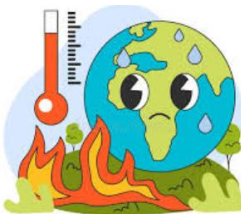
In Computing students will be putting together a short animation using the animation platform "Scratch." According to the story they write, students will choose their characters, give them lines of dialogue and use various coding skills to make their story and characters come to life on the screen!



In Spanish our new unit is called "Mi Familia" ("My Family") Children will be learning how to describe their families and those related to them, as well as learning how to ask others about their families entirely in Spanish.

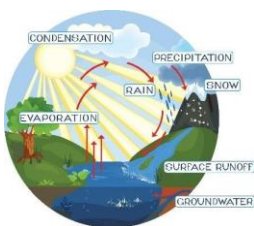


In PSHE we will be exploring how we can make a positive change to others and our environment. Key questions include: "How can we make a conscious effort to reduce our own waste?" and "How can we relate to others living in different places and experiencing different cultures?"



CLIMATE CHANGE

In Geography we will be focusing on the impact of Climate Change on the environment and the effect humans have on the environment. We will look at fieldwork happening in Antarctica, interpreting a range of informational sources (maps, atlases, globes, online/computer mapping) to compare similarities and differences between different climates around the world.



Which leads us to science! Science this term is all about animals, including humans. Students will be focusing on the parts and purpose of the digestive system. This unit will link back to Geography by exploring how changes in the environment affect food availability, and how that in turn, shapes the lives of animals in various regions.



In P.E, children will be playing tennis, working together to learn the various skills required to play the game, including but not limited to how to hold a racket, how to properly serve the ball, under-arm tossing, receiving, and how to properly aim for a target. We anticipate it being lots of fun!

PE Days:

Mrs Rowe's class indoor is Thursdays and outdoor is Fridays.

Ms Tonkin's class indoor is Thursdays and outdoor is Mondays.

Please can the children wear trainers and comfortable clothes on these days.

*Reminder of the upcoming Multiplication Check in June. Please ensure students are logging onto TTRS frequently to practice.

All the best to you and your families,
Mrs Rowe and Ms Tonkin

Key dates

24 th April	Practice Multiplication Check
4 th May	Bank Holiday – No school
7 th May	Polling Day – No school
20 th May	Year 3/4 Singing Spectacular in Blackheath Hall
22 nd May	Last Day of Term
1 st June – 12 th June	MTC
9 th June	Sports Day
8 th July	Open Evening and Arts Exhibition
16 th July	Last day of school