



Curriculum Information for Parents

Spring Term 2

**Year
4**

Literacy and Maths

Literacy- The Non-negotiables will be taught for Year 4 throughout literacy, maths, and topic. Writing opportunities will be linked to the topics and children will write for different purposes such as a biography about a suffragette named Annie Kenney, a narrative about "The Sound Collector" and instructions on "How to Make a Hot Cross Bun". Related punctuation and grammar will be taught alongside the writing activities. Every child will have a reading book and planner and will be checked every Friday. The children will also have the opportunity to read daily in class and have a weekly guided reading session.

Numeracy- The focus will be to work on fractions and decimals including to recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions and counting up and down in hundredths, adding and subtracting fractions and recognising decimal equivalents of fractions, find the effect of dividing a one- or two-digit number by 10 and 100, rounding decimals with 1 decimal place to the nearest whole number, comparing decimals. In addition, children will learn to apply reasoning and problem solving to fractions and decimals. Children need to access TT Rockstars at home at least five times a week. This will be checked daily.

Topics

Week 1: Rule of law

This SMSC topic will allow children to learn British values and why law and rules are important in society.

Week 2: Healthy lifestyles.

During this RSE topic children will learn how to stay healthy through learning about the importance of eating a balanced diet and exercising.

Week 3 & 4: Listen up!

In this music and science topic children will learn to perform, listen, and review music from a range of styles and genres and they will work scientifically through observation and scientific enquiry.

Week 5: Haute couture

In this French topic children will learn to speak, say, and write different French phrases in relation to clothes and colours.

Week 6 & 7: Jesus the son of God

In this RE/DT topic children will learn how Jesus is our saviour and how he sacrificed himself on the cross for us. Children will create Easter cards using a range of different materials.

Religious Education

The children will take part in an RE lesson every Thursday. This half term child will be exploring the Christian value of service and attend whole school class worship every Monday.

Physical Education

Year 4 will take part in PE sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Mondays we will be focussing on circuit training and on Wednesdays we will be focussing on orienteering.

Computing

The children will be focusing on coding using Purple Mash, Word processing, PowerPoints and using IPADS for numeracy and topic where appropriate.

Home Learning and Other Relevant Information

At St Thomas' Leesfield we value the link between home and school and we recognise parental support is vital to a child's progress and education. Please encourage your child to complete and return any homework on time, including our 9 Grid weekly homework. Please discuss your child's learning and topic work and ask about their Always Badge. Children need to practise their spellings and read daily. Your child will need his / her planner everyday so that we are able to keep in contact. Planners and homework grids need to be signed every week and will be checked every Friday. Additionally, children need to be accessing TT Rockstars a minimum of five times a week in preparation for the multiplication check which takes place in Year 4, this will be checked daily. Occasionally, half termly homework will be set at the end of a Maths unit for consolidation.

Thank you for your continued support.