

Newsletter

Year 4

Summer 2017

Literacy

This term the children will be studying a variety of exciting genres linked to our new theme: *That's Entertainment!* They will be developing their grammar skills through writing and will take inspiration from many authors when creating their very own imaginary story. All activities will involve a good deal of discussion and role play. Children will enjoy writing diaries, newspaper articles and poetry as well as publishing their work using different book-making techniques. Children will create and present a PowerPoint presentation based on our theme, embedding sound, video, images and hyperlinks. Time will be given to children to self edit and improve their vocabulary, grammar, spelling and punctuation throughout the term.

Numeracy

Mental Maths will continue to develop rapid recall of number bonds and times tables. There will also be one lesson a week given to a maths investigation or a problem solving activity. Our main learning will focus on consolidating all of the new areas of learning this year. Children will be adding, subtracting and multiplying using the formal column method. They will be investigating 3D shapes and nets as well as consolidating their knowledge of time, fractions, decimals and measure. The children are continuously encouraged to explain, suggest, predict, describe and conclude within their maths lessons in order to nurture confident mathematicians.

Topic

Our topic this term looks at Entertainment in Britain in the 20th Century with a focus on our local area. We will be analysing how different forms of entertainment have changed peoples lives. This will include film, television, music, sport, mobile phones and holidays. Children will also have the opportunity to develop their art and design skills through designing and creating their own album covers, holiday brochures and even futuristic mobile phones!

Science

Our Science topic is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. The children will be exploring their local environment and classifying the various animals they encounter which will also link with branching databases in ICT. Children will be learning to draw and upscale the size of invertebrates, inspired by the photography of Levon Biss.

Homework/Notices

Set Fridays ~ Collected Tuesdays. Please read daily with your child and talk about what has been read, to check understanding. Also, ensure reading record journals are **signed daily**. Please help your child learn their spellings and times tables. P.E is on Thursdays and swimming is planned for Wednesdays, as soon as Seven Islands re-opens. We will keep you informed. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child reads at home and completes homework.