

Term 3.1

This half term in Year 4 we are learning about...

Writing and Grammar



Genre: Stories from Other Cultures and Poets and their Poems

We will be learning:

- The language features of stories from other cultures
- To use these language features in our own stories
- To use a range of sentence structures
- To use past tense consistently and accurately
- About famous poets and their poems
- In grammar children will learn about a wider range of punctuation and how to use this accurately in sentences

Reading and spelling



In reading we will explore a range of poems, fiction and non-fiction texts. We will continue to look at different question types and how to answer them. There will be a focus on using evidence from the text to answer questions and summarising what has been read. Where possible we will link Reading and Writing to our topic of the Victorians in Birmingham.

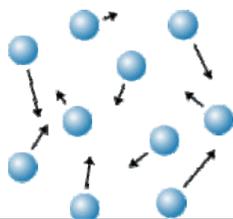
Children will continue to learn new spellings each week, following a range of rules.

Numeracy



This term in Numeracy the children will be learning about division and how to solve division problems using the bus stop method. They will also learn about Money and Time. They will continue to be a focus on mental maths every week. Please help your child learn their times tables as by the end of the year children must know all their times tables up to 12 x12. If your child already knows ALL their times tables then please help them to speed up their recall and use these facts to answer corresponding division questions.

Science



In Science we will be studying a Physics topic about Sound. As part of this topic, children will learn about the properties of sound and how it travels. We will also explore how pitch can be changed in different instruments and how distance affects the volume of sounds.

Learning for Life



Topic- Victorians in Birmingham

In our new Learning for Life topic children will explore what Birmingham was like in the Victorian era, focussing particularly on Bournville and the Cadbury factory. Through Geography we will explore the human features of Bournville and compare them to the human features of Aston.

In RE, we have started a new topic called "Being Regardful of Suffering".

Through this topic children will learn about empathy and how this is important in different religions.

Music lessons will continue for each class where children will learn how to play the keyboard.

Physical Education



Please remember that children need their P.E. Kits in on a Monday and Wednesday, including their house t-shirts.

Your child will be developing their physical skills through:

- Cricket
- Athletics

Homework



This is given on Friday and must be returned on Monday. Please support your child by ensuring they return their work.

Each child must also read for 10 minutes each night and get their reading journal signed by an adult.