

Maths

Our maths focus over the coming term is addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers with a focus on using the formal written methods (column addition and column subtraction.) We will then be moving on to learn about measuring area and will finish the term with a focus on multiplication and division which will continue into next term.

The children will continue to do a weekly multiplication challenge and will be learning their times tables in class ready for the Year 4s to take their multiplication check by the end of the year. The children will experience using all four operations to solve problems and we will be giving them opportunities to deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts to ensure that they can apply what they know in different learning situations.



Computing

In computing we will be learning about staying safe online and sharpening our coding skills as we will be learning how to use loops in our programs.

Blended Learning

We'll continue to use Microsoft Teams in school as a learning tool for the children, which can also be accessed at home.

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Topic World War 2 – History

Our learning this term is all about World War 2. We are aware of the fact that this is a sensitive issue currently and we have been giving the children opportunities to express their own thoughts and feelings around this topic in a safe and secure learning environment.

We have now learned how and why World War 2 started, how it impacted on people's daily lives with things such as rationing. This coming half term the children were keen to learn about evacuees and their experiences in World War 2 and also some of the most famous battles. We are using some of our learning in literacy to support this with our text *The Lion and the Unicorn*. We will also be learning about how the little ships sailed to Dunkirk and how the troops were rescued from the beach.



Science

The children will be learning about sound – how it is made, how it travels as well as exploring pitch and volume.



PSHE

Our theme this term is Celebrating Difference and we will be exploring how we can sometimes make assumptions about people based on appearances alone. We will also be marking Anti-Bullying week in school.

English

In English this half term we will be writing stories about children who have been evacuated to the countryside in World War 2. We will be using the text *The Lion and the Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes to inspire this writing. The children will be learning a part of the text together and creating a writer's toolkit for the grammar in the story. They will then apply what they have learned about the way it is written to create their own stories which we will share with you once completed. We will end the year learning and writing some poetry.

We will continue to send home weekly spellings from the Year 3 and 4 spelling list and we will have a weekly spelling challenge to check how the children are getting on with their learning. We will also continue to share a class text which sometimes the children will read, or we will all read together during story time. Children will also continue to have a daily quiet reading time and book talk where we may recommend texts to one another and enjoy books!

Foundation Subjects

Spanish and Music

The children will continue to learn Spanish with Mrs Carr and will be learning how to play a violin in their music lessons with Kip as well as the Christmas songs to accompany Webburn's nativity.

In PE the children will be doing Gymnastics and we have a festival coming up in December where they can celebrate their skills. We will also be involved in a cross-country festival at Stover with other academy schools.

World Views (RE)

Our theme this term is Creation and understanding what this story represents for people of different faiths.

Art

We will be continuing with our observational drawing unit and will then move on to using clay and creating sculptures.

