

PHEASEY PARK FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Curriculum Information

Year 4 Spring Term 1 2024

Subject	What are we learning?	How you can help at home
English	<p>In English, children are studying the text, <i>Ice Palace</i> by Robert Swindells.</p> <p>They will be exploring how to create varied and rich vocabulary for setting descriptions, extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, and editing and proof-reading their writing.</p> <p>Children will be creating their own narrative based on the <i>Ice Palace</i>.</p> <p>In Whole Class Reading, Year 4 will be focusing on developing their understanding of vocabulary used in a range of different text types.</p> <p>Spelling Test will take place on a Tuesday. English homework is given out on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.</p>	<p><u>Reading</u> Please hear your child read at home at least three times a week. Discuss and help your child to find the meanings of any unfamiliar words. Ask your child to summarise what they have read or to recap the story so far. Please help your child to read every night and record on the GoRead App. Bedtime reading advice available at www.theschoolrun.com</p> <p><u>Spelling</u> Please help your child practise their spellings several times a week. Regular practice at home makes such a difference. Encourage the use of a dictionary to find definitions of new vocabulary.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Please encourage your child to explore reading activities on Oxford Reading Buddy, Purple Mash and Education City throughout the week too. Children can access the Immersive reader/dictate tools on OneNote to support with Reading and Writing.</p>
Phonics	<p>For those children still having Phonics sessions, these will be daily and focus on their individual Phonics phase.</p> <p>Children will be segmenting and blending sounds and encouraged to spell them correctly.</p>	<p>Please hear your child read at home at least three times a week. Encourage children to segment and blend sounds when reading and practise spelling the words they are given on a weekly basis.</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on Number, Fractions and Decimals. Children will be applying their skills of mental and formal addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to solve a range of problems. They will be solving two-step worded problems.</p>	<p>Please make sure your child accesses TT Rockstars at home. Maths homework is given out on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.</p> <p>It would be helpful if you can support your child in recalling the multiplication tables at home and counting in patterns of 6, 7, 8 and 12.</p>



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	<p>They will be exploring estimation, inverse operations, equivalent fractions, and decimals.</p> <p>Children will have times tables activities three times a week in lessons - this will include a test.</p>	<p>Please encourage your child to perform mental additions, subtractions, multiplication, and divisions whilst shopping, cooking, etc.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Your child can explore TT Rockstars, MyMaths, TopMarks and Supermovers on the link below: Times Tables Rock Stars (ttrockstars.com) https://www.mymaths.co.uk/ https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4</p>
Science	<p>In Science, the project teaches children about electrical appliances and safety. They construct simple series circuits and name their parts and functions, including switches, wires and cells. They investigate electrical conductors and insulators and identify common features of conductors. It also teaches children about programmable devices. They combine their learning to design and make a nightlight.</p>	<p>At home, you can watch Science videos based on this subject by clicking the link below: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9q</p>
History	<p>The children's topic this half term is called, 'Gods and Mortals'. In History, children will be learning about life in Ancient Greece, ordering events and dates from Ancient Greek history on a timeline and the Battle of Marathon.</p>	<p>Explore Ancient Greek civilisation through books and the Internet.</p> <p><u>Online learning:</u> Find out more about Greek Gods and heroes: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39/articles/zgt7mp3</p>
Geography	<p>As part of children's topic, 'Gods and Mortals' in Geography they will explore maps of Greece including Ancient Greece.</p>	<p>Research facts about Greece through non-fiction books or online.</p>
Art & Design	<p>Children's Art and Design topic is called Statues, Statuettes and Figurines.</p> <p>This project teaches children about the 3-D representation of the human form, including statues, statuettes and figurines. They study examples from ancient civilisations and use their clay skills to create a Sumer-style figurine.</p>	<p>Children can create statues of their own using playdough or clay.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> This website looks at the techniques of creating a statue. Art and Design KS1 / KS2: Making sculptures from dry materials and clay - BBC Teach</p>



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Design and Technology	<p>Children's Design and Technology topic is called, 'Functional and Fancy Fabrics'. Children will learn about home furnishings and the significant designer William Morris. They learn techniques for decorating fabric, including block printing, hemming and embroidery and use them to design and make a fabric sample.</p>	<p>Explore a range of fabrics and discuss their patterns.</p>
Computing	<p>Children will be exploring Scratch and learn how to insert and change scripts, change backgrounds and add an animation. They will be exploring how to stay safe online through online safety lessons.</p> <p>In school children will be shown how to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content on the internet.</p>	<p>Please ensure your child is only accessing age-appropriate content online - this includes used of streaming such as NetFlix.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Coding activities to complete at home: https://turtleacademy.com//lessons</p>
PE	<p>Children will be taught key skills for Netball, developing their coordination skills and sportsmanship. The children will demonstrate a broader range of throwing, running and jumping techniques, in isolation or combination, with improving accuracy and competence and compete in a team game, communicating with others and using tactics.</p> <p>In Indoor Games, children will be covering Dance. They will be performing dances using a range of movements, comparing performances with previous ones.</p> <p>Outdoor PE day - Friday (weather permitting) Indoor PE day - Thursday</p>	<p>You can support your child by practising throwing/catching balls.</p> <p>Please make sure your child has full P.E kit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewellery is not allowed. • Long hair should be tied back. <p>For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed.</p>
Swimming	<p>Swimming day - Monday A review of pool rules and safety procedures will take place first week back. Focus will be on the development of all strokes. Water skills such as head/feet first sculling, submerging for objects, floating skills and push /glides will be improved.</p>	<p>Please remember all children will need to bring a bag with their swimming costume/trunk, swimming hat and towel.</p> <p>For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed.</p>



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	Swimmers will be timed over 2 lengths for school records and year 4 'Top Ten' lists for pool side displays.	
RE	In Religious Education, children will continue to consider what it would be like to be a Hindu. Children will be exploring religious artefacts and what they mean to Hindus and they will be learning about the Trimurti.	It is important that children are taught about tolerance and respect the beliefs of others. <u>Online learning</u> Find out more about Hinduism: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh86n39/articles/zmpp92p
PSHE	This half term, children will be studying the topic 'Say No To Bullying'. They will be exploring bullying and the different roles children can have such as being a bystander, upstander or witness. Children will explore how to help someone who is being bullied.	Discuss with your child any worries or concerns that they have. Encourage your child to show respect and resilience at home. Talk to them about the discussions they have had in weekly class assemblies.
Music	Children will have steel pans tuition from Walsall Music Education Hub on a Wednesday morning.	Please encourage children to listen and explore a range of music of genres, especially any steel pans performances.
German	The children will be learning about food and how to say their likes and dislikes. They will ask and answer questions by working with a partner and will follow a short familiar text, listening and reading at the same time.	Ask your child to tell you about their favourite foods in German!
Visits and Visitors	Ancient Greek workshop- 11.1.24 TT Rockstars Day- 30.1.24	Please encourage your child to share their experiences at school with you at home.
Curriculum Days	Our Curriculum day will focus on Design and Technology. Curriculum Day is on Monday 13 th February 2023	Support with providing resources from home that we could use such as cardboard/plastic bottles. Further information will be shared with parents/carers.