

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enclosed in this letter is an overview of all the exciting learning your child will be completing this half term.

Our topic for this term is 'Viva España'. The children will be learning about the physical geography of Spain and Spanish culture, making comparisons with life in England.

If you require any further information about your child's learning, please speak to any member of the Year 4 team.

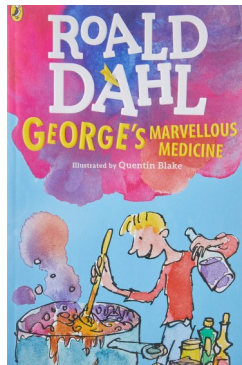
Yours sincerely,

Mr Groom and Mr Salmon

Year 4 Staff

Literacy

This term, our learning will be based around the text 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl which focuses on a young boy who concocts a potion to feed his grandmother. The children will recount parts of the story from the perspective of key characters from within the text. When reading, the children will develop their retrieval and inference skills and focus on the effect of an author's vocabulary choices.



Mathematics

During the half term, the children will:

- ◆ Recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions.
- ◆ Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.
- ◆ Recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths.
- ◆ Find the effect of dividing a one or two-digit number by 10 and 100, identifying the value of the digits in the answer as ones, tenths and hundredths.
- ◆ Convert between units of measure.



Science

As part of our learning about sound, the children will:

- ◆ Describe sounds around them.
- ◆ Identify high and low sounds.
- ◆ Observe how different sounds are made.
- ◆ Describe how sounds change over distance.
- ◆ Conduct an investigation to find the best material for absorbing sound.
- ◆ Design a musical instrument which will play different sounds.



Creative Curriculum

During our topic Viva España, the children will learn about:

- ◆ The physical geography of Spain.
- ◆ Spanish traditions, including bull fighting, Corrida de torros (running from the bulls) and tomatilla.
- ◆ Flamenco dancing and Spanish food.
- ◆ The differences between Spanish and British cultures.



Personal, Social, Religious and Emotional Development

In Religious Education, the children will be learning how different religions inform our decisions about what constitutes right and wrong.

Throughout Year 4, the children will follow the 'Making the Best of Me' programme. This half term, they will look at how worry and fear can make us feel and the importance of respecting and valuing yourself.



PE

During PE lessons, the children will develop their gymnastic skills including their knowledge of balancing, body shapes and body tension. The children will work independently and in groups to create routines which will incorporate a range of skills.



Other Information

Home Learning

Home Learning will be sent home on Friday and will be collected in on the following Tuesday. If Home Learning is not returned to school on time or the children require additional support, they will be asked to attend a Home Learning Club on Wednesday lunchtime.

Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings and times tables are sent home on Friday to be learnt in preparation for a test the following Friday.

Home Reading

Every child has been given a reading book and reading journal. Please encourage your child to read a variety of materials, such as newspapers and magazines. Reading journals need to be returned to school every Tuesday for monitoring.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their pumps or trainers in school. The children may wear tracksuit bottoms for outdoor lessons. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons.



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