



Akrotiri School

Year 4

Lovelace, Hawkings and Johnson Class
Spring 1 2023 - Information Guide



This half term, in Year 4, our focus will be on the counties and cities of the UK, the geographical features of rivers and painting, using rivers and water as a stimulus for our artwork.

Writing: Our first writing unit will be a narrative unit based on Anglo-Saxon myths and legends. We will be focussing on developing our descriptive writing skills and the use of adverbs, expanded noun phrases and figurative language to enable us to write effective character descriptions. We will then be developing our understanding of different persuasive writing techniques. These will include the use of emotive language, repetition, the use of fronted adverbials and causal conjunctions.

Maths: Our first unit will be multiplication and division where we will be looking at multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 as well as the times table facts for the 6, 9, 7, 11- and 12-times tables. We will also be developing children's understanding of written methods to multiply 2 and 3-digit number and dividing 2-digit numbers by a single digit number.

Other areas of the curriculum:

In geography, we will be learning about the geography of the UK and rivers. We will focus on naming counties and cities in the UK. Then we will identify different parts of a river and the journey it takes from its source in the mountains to the sea. In art, we will be using the stimulus of water and rivers to develop our painting skills. We will be using powder paints to mix our own colours. We will also be looking at the work of Monet.

VISITS AND ENRICHMENT

As part of our music curriculum, we will be learning how to play the ukulele as part of the Wider Opportunities programme. We are also hoping to invite a local artist into school to run workshops with the children as part of our art unit of work. More details to follow.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE: PE happens throughout the week, please ensure that PE kit is in school on a Monday and stays for the week.

Home learning: Please ensure that your child reads at least 3 times a week, practices their targeted spellings and times table facts using Times Table Rockstars daily and completes their weekly My Maths homework.

Library: Johnson and Hawkings – Wednesday. Lovelace – Thursday. AR books can be changed daily.

SeeSaw: Please ensure that you have connected to Class SeeSaw to receive messages and see pictures of your child's learning. Please see your child's teacher if you not yet connected.

How to help your child

Please ensure that reading books and reading records are in school every day. Remember that you are now able to quiz on books at home as well. Please initial when you have read with your child, we would love children to read at least 3 times a week at home.

When reading with your child, don't forget to ask them questions to ensure that they understand what they are reading. We are having a particular focus on vocabulary at the moment so discussing what difficult or unusual words mean would be very helpful.

Additional information

Please ensure everything that comes into school has been named. Please continue to apply sun cream and mosquito repellent to your child each day before they come to school. Also, it is essential that your child brings in a water bottle. During the inclement weather, please ensure your child has a coat in school each day.