

Year 4 Class Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2021 Mrs Cain and Mrs Hine

Woeful World War II



A word from us... Dear parents and children, we are looking forward to another exciting topic in Year 4! We have really enjoyed our topic so far and in Science we have been very busy with lots of investigations. We have our trip to introduce the topic on on Tuesday 23rd November which we are sure everyone will enjoy. **Games with Coach Chris will continue on a Monday** afternoon and **PE will be on a Friday** afternoon. **Please ensure that children come to school in their kits on these days, with earrings removed and hair tied back.** All children should bring in a fruit snack for morning playtime as well as a filled water bottle everyday please. Spellings will continue to be sent home in a spelling books which must be returned to school each Friday please for them to practise and complete their test in. Please help your child practise their spellings regularly at home. Our times tables test are going well each Friday and many children are enjoying the sense of achievement having practised hard on TT Rockstars. Please continue to practise these important skills with your child at home. A reminder to please read with your child regularly. Even though many children by now may be reading more independently, it is still important they are listened to and an adult questions them about their reading to ensure they are developing their understanding and comprehension skills. Once your child has completed their book, please sign to confirm it has been read and record any comments. We encourage children to complete a short book review before changing their book. Due to protective measures please be aware that we can not change reading books on a **Monday or Friday**. Please ensure your child's book and diary are in school to change on a **Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday**. If you have any questions about your child's learning please send an email - kcain@birches.staffs.sch.uk / ehine@birches.staffs.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes, Mrs Cain and Mrs Hine

Y4 dates to note this half term -

Trip to Cosford 23/11, Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner and Carols on the playground 10/12, Christmas parties 16/12

English

In English this term we will be reading a range of quality texts to develop our comprehension and inference skills. Each week we will focus on our 'Viper skills' - vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising. We are continuing to secure our sentence level skills; spelling, sentence structure, punctuation and word groups to ensure these skills are secure and consistently applied. We will be learning key skills through writing non-chronological reports, myths and legends and poetry.

Arts / Design Technology

The children will engage with a range of activities using their artistic and DT skills through our topic by making air raid shelters, harbours and fighter planes as well as through wider celebrations such as Remembrance Day, Multifaith Day and Christmas. In our Art unit we will be exploring and practising 'formal elements of art'.

Music - Rock and roll! Christmas.

Computing - Coding

MFL (French) - Understanding classroom instructions, counting, landmarks

Humanities

During this topic the children will learn about the events that led up to Britain declaring war in 1939. Through this topic the children will use their geographical skills to locate countries, oceans and continents and significant landmarks. The topic lends it self to a range of history skills and they will be able to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British and World history.

Maths

This half term we move onto Subtraction. The children will use the Place Value skills and concepts developed last half term to explore practical, pictorial and written methods when adding and subtracting numbers. Later in the term, we will move onto Measures, exploring length and perimeter as well as a unit of Multiplication and Division. A reminder that Year 4 children are required to take a timed Multiplication Check during the summer term - please keep practising these skills on TTrackstars!

Science / STEM

The children will be learning about electricity. The children will be constructing simple series electrical circuits, identifying the components. Through investigation and experimentation the children will find out how to light lamps, identify the use of switches and test conductors and insulators. They will have a go at making and testing their own switches.

Religious Education - Landmarks in life

PE / Games - PE/Games kit to be worn on a Monday and a Friday. Dance focus.

PSHE / British Values - Me and My Relationships/ Rule of