

Save the Date

Monday 28th April – Return to school
 Thursday 1st May – Y4 Library Visit (Morning)
 Monday 5th May – May Day – School Closed
 Thursday 8th May – VE Day
 Friday 16th May – Y4 Visit to National Memorial Arboretum
 Friday 23rd May – School Council Fundraising Day & Break Up
 Monday 2nd June – INSET Day
 Tuesday 3rd June – Return to School
 Advance Notice: 3rd – 13th June – Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

WW2

History/ Geography

As Historians, the children will be investigating how people's lives changed during WW2.

They will research and understand why Britain had to go to war in 1939, how people were protected during the war and why some places were more likely to be bombed than others. They will consider experiences of the war on different members of society and what we can learn from the events of WW2.

To enhance this unit of work, pupils will be visiting the library to explore a range of non-fiction texts and also taking a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum.

Maths: We will begin this half term by exploring Decimals. Children will explore tenths and hundredths as decimals. Children look at a variety of representations of tenths as decimals, up to the value of 1 whole. This leads to adding the tenths column to a place value chart for children to see how tenths fit with the rest of the number system and to understand the need for the decimal point. This will be developed further by exploring decimal numbers beyond 1 whole. Additionally, we will continue to practice our times tables during fact fluency and we will be completing regular sound checks to continue to develop our fluency and recall in preparation for the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check.

MFL

This half term, we will be focusing on holidays and transportation. We will be learning phrases to say where we went on holiday, how we got there and who we went with.

Science / STEM

This half term, we will be completing our Animals Including Humans Unit of work. Pupils will explore the digestive system in humans and teeth. Children will learn about the different parts of the digestive system and its function. Children will learn to identify each part and where it is located in the digestive system. Children will also be looking at the different types of teeth and their functions. Children have lots of opportunities to focus on their scientific skills to research, identify, group and classify. Our Scientist focus for the half term is William Beaumont.

PE / Games: children will focus on their striking and fielding games. The children will learn how to catch, throw and bat across different distances with accuracy. They will develop their fielding skills by learning how to 'attack the ball'. They will develop their skills of cooperation, exploring how working as a team helps to prevent the opposition from scoring points. Children will develop tactical skills, understanding effective ways to run the points. Children will have the opportunity to take part in a skills circuit. During PE, pupils will be partaking in Athletics, completing a range of track and field events in preparation for Sports Day.

PSHE: Happy and Healthy Me (Health and Wellbeing)

This half term, we will be completing our unit of work around Happy and Healthy Me. Children will continue to learn all about growth mindset and identify calming activities and develop independence in dental hygiene. We will then move onto our topic 'Me in the world' (Economic wellbeing) Exploring choices associated with spending, what makes something good value for money, career aspirations and what influences career choices

British Values Focus: Individual Liberty Birches Values Focus: Honesty/Success

English

This half term, we will be exploring 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. We will deconstruct the structural and language features of a narrative before exploring the language features within story writing including character and setting descriptions, writing a dialogue which includes the correct punctuation and writing alternative endings.

We will then move on to explore discussion texts. We will explore persuasive writing including adverts and leaflets will provide us with a fantastic opportunity to proofread, edit and enhance writing to improve its range of features. Pupils will then write their own discussion text linked to our previous unit of work on the Vikings.

Arts: Sculpture and 3D: Mega Materials

Pupils will use a range of everyday objects to create 3D drawings. They will then transfer their drawings into 3D objects using soap and wire. Pupils will then have a go at creating a shadow sculpture following the work of different artists.

Design: Technology Mechanical Systems: Making a Slingshot Car

Pupils will design, make and assemble a car chassis and attempt to reduce air resistance through the design of their shape.

Music: India

This half term, pupils will complete their music unit linked to India. Pupils will learn and understand the history and key features of Bollywood films, how ambient sounds can be used to enhance a film score, practise staff notation and perform a film sequence using instruments and movement.

Religious Education: Thinking about God

Children will identify some of the ways in which religions name and describe attributes of God and make links with belief and practice.

Computing: Logo and Animation

This half term, pupils will complete two units of work, Logo and Animation. Pupils will develop their vocabulary relating to Logo and input simple instructions. They will create letter shapes, use the repeat function and use build procedures. Additionally, they will learn how animations are created on the computer before being introduced to 'stop motion' animation.