

Thurlby C.P. School - Year 4

Terms 1 and 2



TOPICS

Term 1 - Ourselves

Term 2 - Islam

PLEASE NOTE

- PE lessons will be held on Mondays and Fridays. Please note that PE kits must be in on these days. Hair should be tied back and no earrings should be worn.

- Homework will be given to pupils on Fridays and expected to be handed back the following Wednesday—extra houses points for an early return!

- Times tables tests will be completed on Thursdays.

- Spellings will be given to pupils on Mondays to be tested on Friday.

Welcome to Year 4!

ENGLISH

The pupils will begin the term by looking at stories that raise issues and dilemmas. We will read a range of texts and spend time discussing solutions to problems. After that the children will be planning and writing their own narratives, thinking about how they can make them more interesting using stimulating vocabulary. Later in the term we will be writing explanation texts that will link to our Science work and we will also read traditional poetry.

In Term 2 we will study the stories from Arabian Nights to tie in with our Islamic theme. Later in the term we will be producing persuasive writing; encouraging people to buy certain toys and other products for Christmas.

MATHS

Time will be spent on consolidating understanding of place value in order to help the children work with four digit numbers more confidently. Pupils will learn how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000 and have opportunity to make estimations of representations. At the end of term 1 the focus will be upon addition and subtraction with the children developing their understanding of formal written methods.

Term 2 will see the children extending their knowledge of multiplication and division; being able to identify factor pairs and use written methods to multiply larger numbers. At the end of the term pupils will focus on fractions including decimals.

SCIENCE

The children will learn about the digestive system in term 1. We will begin by studying the different food groups and what is needed for a balanced diet. Then we will move on to learning the functions of our organs and the importance of the different types of teeth when eating.

In term 2 pupils will be investigating how to keep products hot or cold which will involve lots of practical investigations.

RE

In terms 1 and 2, pupils will be studying the Islamic faith. They will learn about Allah and the Prophet Muhammad as well as working on the 5 pillars of Islam.

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

We will be thinking about where we are in the UK and how our local environment has been shaped by people of the past in term 1. In term 2 we will be studying the history of the Islamic faith and placing significant locations on a map.

COMPUTING

The pupils will begin the term by learning the basics of Microsoft Word. They will be producing a variety of charts and graphs which they will then present to the class.

ART

The children will learn about famous portrait artists including Warhol and Da Vinci. They will complete portraits of themselves, their friends and of famous people using a variety of media. In term 2 we will be studying Islamic patterns and the children will create their own pattern work using printing and weaving.

DT

To link in with our Science work about eating and a balanced diet, pupils will be designing a healthy pizza this term which we will go on to make and evaluate.

PE

In order to prepare for forthcoming competitions, the children will be learning the rules and skills needed for Tag Rugby and they will also be participating in cross country running. The rules of netball will also be learnt and pupils will be developing skills in aiming and throwing. Later in term 2 the class will work on football skills.

PSHE

Whilst working on 'New beginnings' Year 4 will be compiling a Class Charter and will discuss how to make others feel welcome in our community. Term 2 will see the children discussing ways of avoiding and resolving conflict.

MUSIC

The children will be learning songs to sing in our Harvest and Christmas festivities.

SPANISH

Pupils will learn vocabulary for members of the family and pets.

