

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3 Term 4 2020/21

Welcome to Term 4! We have had a strong start to the term and have been really enjoying our learning in all areas of the curriculum.

Readers and Writers

For the next week we will be reading some more of *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl. We have enjoyed getting to know the different characters and we have been working on our inference and retrieval skills. We have also been studying this text in our writing lessons.

We will then be Authors and Historians! We will be writing a newspaper report all about John Cabot, the explorer who was the first person to reach Newfoundland.

We will be doing lots of drama to help us understand what this famous event was like, and we will be learning how to use inverted commas to mark speech as we 'interview' important people from the past.

Mathematicians

We have now finished our maths work on fractions, which the children have really enjoyed! Our learning in Maths is now going to be on Measures. In measures, we will be learning about different units of measurement and the relationship between centimetres, millimetres and metres. We will also be looking at mass and capacity.

We will also be catching up our learning on multiplication and division to make sure the children are confident in this. We will also be practising our times tables each week!

Artists



This term in art we will be looking at the work of famous artist Firelei Baez. We will discuss our opinions of which paintings we like and didn't like. We will also learn about contrasting colours and make our own colour wheel. We will be using our knowledge of colour and oil pastels to create a final piece in the style of this artist.

Historians

This term we have a big history focus. We have been immersing ourselves in the world of European explorers from around 500 years ago, learning about John Cabot and his famous ship, The Matthew. We will also be learning about Francis Drake and Sir Walter Raleigh, as well as other European explorers.

Our P.E sessions will now be on a Wednesday afternoon. We will be doing **Athletics**.



We will be starting spellings again on Friday 19th March. Your child will bring home some words to practise, ready to be re-tested the next week.



For homework, we will continue to set tasks on Mathletics for the children to access online at login.mathletics.com

Please find time to also read with your child every day. The children should be independently filling in their reading diaries but parent support with this is very much appreciated. **Reading diaries will be checked every Friday morning.**

Yours Sincerely,
Miss Wheeldon