

Class 4 Curriculum Update

May 2023

May's Values: Happiness and determination

June's Values: Humility and care



It has been a very busy May for Year 4 with the residential, coronation and our performance at the Courtyard theatre.

At the beginning of May, Year 4 enjoyed their experience at PGL. On arrival, the children sorted their rooms, groups and kit swiftly and responsibly. The PGL staff were surprised that the children were given this responsibility to organise themselves into groups and rooms and were amazed how quickly the children did this while showing good awareness of not leaving anyone out. After this, the children took part in a range of individual and team challenges through a range of activities including archery, climbing, zip wire, obstacle course and survivor over the two days. Throughout the residential, the children displayed great resilience, organisation, trust, responsibility and manners. The children were regularly complimented by the PGL staff throughout the visit and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Some photos are within this update, however there are even more on the website for you to enjoy.

We have looked at the United Nations, its importance and why it was established after World War Two. We have also been looking at the universal declaration of human rights, government debates and have been taking part in our own debates with issues that are important to us. We understand that everyone has a voice. At Forest School, we have been improving our map and orienteering skills, as well as using our value of trust to practise using some of the tools, demonstrating safety and responsibility. In PE, we have been practising our tag rugby skills and hopefully some of us will be representing the school in tournaments. It has been great to see so many children volunteer to represent the school. In music, we have been improving our skills using a different mouth piece that is closer to the flute. Finally, it was great to be able to invite you all to join for the class assembly after a number of years without one and hope you enjoyed it.



Talk Away Don't Walk Away

We are so unbelievably proud of the class and their participation in this project at the Courtyard to raise awareness of mental health for young people. Following their workshop by Jamie we decided to write some poetry linked to values and decided to choose some that we could put together to perform through drama. The children enjoyed this part of the process. There was lots of time spent practising following the composition of the poems with children improvising through drama to act out the values and bringing together the performance, which we are all super proud of. On the day we visited the courtyard, we had a long day however the children behaved perfectly, engaged well in the activities that were planned and delivered and really enjoyed a very long day! They went through so many emotions and so many of them overcome some challenging moments. It was a fabulous experience for everyone.



Homework is important for practising, applying and consolidating the learning undertaken in school. The children have weekly homework.

Maths - TT Rockstars. The expectation is to play 3/4 games per day.

Reading - The children should read for a minimum of 15 minutes per day and record this so that it will count towards their 40 reads.

Spelling - Spelling Shed. The expectation is to play 3/4 games per day.



Multiplication tables check

At the beginning of June, the children will be taking part in their multiplication tables check. This is a national statutory assessment for year 4 in all schools. The purpose of the multiplication tables check is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. The children will be completing it online and answering 25 questions randomly linked to all the times tables up to 12×12 . This is much like the soundtrack the children have been playing on TT Rockstars as part of their weekly homework all year and in school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the office and I will get in touch with you as soon as I can. Mr Freeman and the Year 4 team.