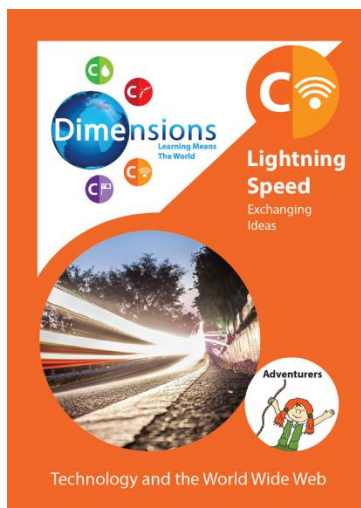


Class 4 Curriculum Update January 2022

January's Values: Gratitude and
commitment



Welcome to the first curriculum update of a new term. Year 4 have continued with their work on our current theme, 'Lightning Speed', since their return this term, as well as relating in more outdoor learning. The children have read and researched information about Tim Berners - Lee, the inventor of the World Wide Web, before producing a double page spread about him and the World Wide Web. The children have also looked at difference between the World Wide Web and the internet. They took part in an activity where they had to act as a computer, switch and router to exchange information on paper around the classroom, just as information would be exchanged via the internet. They also saw that servers for websites are located around the world, especially in America.

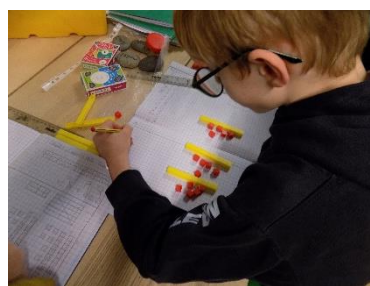
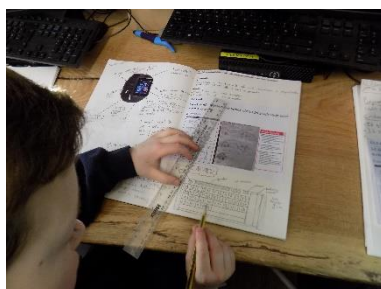
In Maths, the children have been continuing their work on multiplication and division, looking at the 11 and 12 times table, multiplying 3 numbers, looking at factor pairs and exploring multiplying a 2/3 digit number by 1 digit, using an expanded method alongside short multiplication. They will also be looking at dividing a 2/3 digit number by a 1 digit number before beginning a short unit on area.

In Science, the children have revisited learning linked to solids, liquids and gases. They were challenged with organising statements under each heading of their properties before grouping materials using a three-way Venn diagram. They have had good discussions about some materials being more than one state.

The children have also been set a design challenge. They have had to design a communication device for the Evil Genius. He is an extraordinaire. The children began by selecting three current communication devices and making notes about their features and what they like best to include in their own designs. They have started to generate their own ideas and annotated drawings using the features they like best.

In addition, the children have been using the outdoors more. They created some mud creature sculptures, where they used clay based mud to mould into shapes they wanted and used some natural materials to help them create some physical features for their creature. They used these as a stimulus for their writing for a character description and in a newspaper report.

An excellent return this term, in our new temporary classroom too. Although, hopefully we will be returning to our classroom in the next week.



The children have weekly homework.

Maths - Rockstars. The children have been practising the 11, 12 and 6, 7 and 9 times tables in school through around the world, which the children love to play. We will also be consolidating these tables in the coming weeks. If the children need their tables written down on paper while playing then that is fine. The set times table is always in the garage area, however it is also a good idea to practice in the studio and also do a sound check regularly as these re - visit some of the others that children should know. The expectation is to play 3/4 games per week day.

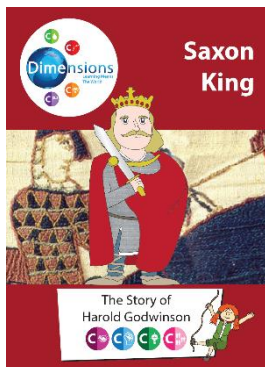
Spelling - Spelling Shed. Lists change weekly. The expectation is to play 3/4 games per week day.

Reading - 15/20 minutes per day. This should be recorded by an adult, not a child as it counts towards their 40 reads.



Seesaw

The children have now brought home their updated Seesaw logins. Please ensure you look after these carefully. Seesaw will be used for work in school as well as at home, occasionally, homework will be provided on there and, if you do end up isolating because of covid, work will be posted on here for your child to complete - if they are well enough.



Saxon King

The Saxon King, is a history based unit telling the inspirational story of Harold Godwinson. He is famous for being the last Anglo-Saxon King of England, ruling as a talented leader in peace and war.

The children will learn, through his life story, all about his achievements and what makes him such an important historical figure, as well as looking at some of the battle he was involved in, including possibly his most famous, The Battle of Hastings in 1066.

Tag Rugby

The children have begun sessions with Aiden on a Wednesday afternoon. Aiden is a rugby coach from Luctonians RFC and the children have been loving his sessions so far. As per Mr Batstone's parent mail, please could the children bring in football boots/football socks/warm socks if they have them. Also, we don't have many spare boots, so we would also love any spare boots you may have to rebuild a spares box at school. Many thanks.

Finally, we hope you had a great Christmas break and thank you for your thoughtful gifts.

As ever, 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.