

Class 4 Curriculum Update

Monday 18th March 2024

Monthly values – 'Helpfulness' and 'Cooperation'



Picture our planet

This term we have been learning about Brazil and the importance of the Rainforests. Visiting the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham gave the children an excellent insight and awareness of what it might be like to visit there, some of the plants that grow there and some of the animals that live there. We have also read about the issues surrounding deforestation and how farmers are being encouraged to make their lands sustainable in the long term.

In our art work, we have been studying the works of French artist Paul Cezanne. We have seen how he focused on creating 'still life' arrangements to paint and the children have tried to create their own arrangements of bottles, fruit and utensils.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th March - River walking (Forest School clothes)

Wednesday 17th March - Hereford Squash club visit

Friday 19th March - BT Earth Madley satellite visit

Monday 8th April - Start of Summer term

Wednesday 22nd May - Courtyard 'Talk Away' project performance

Tuesday/Wednesday 7th/8th May - PGL overnight visit

Thursday 6th June - Cheltenham science Festival visit



Classroom plants

If you have any indoor plants that you would like to donate to our classroom that would be greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I am at the gate after school every day, you can call the school office or send an email.
Thank you from Mr Ford, Mr Batstone and the wider Year 4 team.

Times Tables

As you will be aware, there is a National Times Tables Check coming up in June. In class, we have been practising times tables in lots of different ways but most importantly because it helps with so many different strands of maths work.

You can practise with your child (and try for yourself!) a free simulator of the check by googling:

Mathshed times table check

In class, the children have just been trying to beat their own high score each time and see how much progress they can make.

TTRockstars remains another good website to practise on.

You may also like to use these songs to practise, which we use in school. Just go onto Youtube and search:

3 times table song Uptown Funk

4 times table song I'm Still Standing

6 times table song Taylor Swift

7 times table song cups

8 times table song All about that bass

9 times table song One Direction

11 times table song Black Eyed Peas

12 times table song Tarzan

There is no specific way that you have to practise but please practise in a way that is fun and works for your child. Little and often is usually the best way. Thank you for your continued support.