

Class 4 Curriculum Update

Thursday 21st November 2024

Monthly values – 'Trust' and 'Friendship'



Three Giant Steps

What a busy few weeks we have had in Year 4! Thank you for all the parent/family involvement recently. It was great to meet everyone at parent's evenings before the half term break and be able to share your child's progress already this year. We have also had an Open Evening and Harvest service, in addition to the family workshop this week. It was a very positive experience for the children, who loved being able to show those of you that were able to come about their learning.

Our theme work about slavery is now almost complete. Next week, we will finish the theme with our curriculum visit to Bristol Cathedral. There we will have a workshop about Bristol's role in the slave trade and how it shaped the development of Bristol.

Between now and Christmas we will have 2 short themes, one focused on Geography and the other focused on History. The first one is called 'Three Giant Steps' and is an opportunity for us to compare and contrast 3 different countries - U.K., France and Canada. We will be making some fact files and looking at things like location, size, languages, population, landmarks, food and culture etc.

The second theme is called 'Saxon King' and is an opportunity to learn about life in Anglo-Saxon England. Of particular note, we will be studying the important life of Harold Godwinson, King of England in 1066 and who has some links to Hereford.

Times Tables

In class, we have been focusing on the 10, 2, 5, 3 and 6 times tables, developing understanding and recognising patterns with these. Key points so far:

- 2 times table is another way of 'doubling'
- 5 times table is 'halving' the 10 times table
- The 5 times table always ends with a 5 or a 0
- The 3 times table will alternate between an odd and an even number
- The 6 times table is 'double' the 3 times table
- The mathematical terms for a multiplication are factors and a product:

Factor x Factor = Product

We have been using these songs to help practise:

(Youtube 3 times table Uptown Funk)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XzfQUXqiYY>

(Youtube 6 times table Taylor Swift)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7rYbk9PNuM>

Keep practising and building confidence with these. Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates

P.E. (Squash) on Mondays until Christmas

Swimming on Thursdays until Christmas

Bristol Cathedral visit - Thursday 28th
November 8:30 - 5 pm

Local visit to King Arthurs Stone -
Wednesday 4th December

Christmas Fete - Friday 6th December 3:30
- 5 pm

Christmas Church service - Wednesday 18th
December 6:30 pm



Spellingshed

Weekly spelling lists are sent home every Monday. Please practise, either on Spellingshed or on paper. As well as recognising top scorers in assembly on Fridays, we also recognise those making effort and progress in class on Mondays. Thank you for encouraging your child.

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.