

Class 4 Curriculum Update

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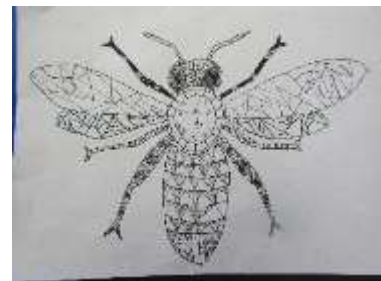
Values: Cooperation and Diversity

Are we too little to make a difference?

Our theme this term is about plastic pollution and the impact it has on the environment. This has been a very successful theme in Year 4 for a few years now and I am excited to see what wonderful things we can achieve this year.

The children have already shown their enthusiasm for our learning about bees and it has been very exciting.

We had only planned to do two weeks about bees but already we need to have more time to follow the children's interests. So far, we have learnt about the different types of bees in the UK; how honey is made; we have planned to create a wild flower garden at Comets Meadow and we will also build some mini bee homes that may attract the solitary bees or bumblebees we have been learning about. Hopefully, the children have been bringing their enthusiasm home. We have been drawing bees, writing about bees and generally just loving bees. I can't wait to share their love for bees further, as this half term progresses, and we are in contact with a few people who could be potential visitors to enhance our learning opportunities.



We have been learning about the parts of the flower, which will help understand pollination and flower reproduction. Our first dissection of a flower session was unsuccessful due to the daffodils not being in their best health but we will follow this up with some tulips and hope for more success!

Next week, we will start learning about pollution with a focus on plastic pollution in our oceans. The children will build on the work previous Year 4 classes have done by thinking about more changes that can be made in school with regards to our use of plastic and our attitudes towards caring for our world. I am confident this will encourage them to come home and talk about things too. If you do make any changes as a result of your child's enthusiasm please let us know via Seesaw.



*Year 4 promise to:
Always show good listening
to others.
Always keep our hands and
feet to ourselves.
Always be respectful and
kind.*

Homework

The children will receive **weekly homework** -

Maths - TT Rockstars. The expectation is to play 4-5 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.

Please can we ensure all reading records are in on a Friday!

Spelling - Spelling Shed. Please play 4-5 games per day.

Occasionally, there will be some work put on Seesaw - this will be communicated by the children. There is currently a maths task on there.

How and why do people try to make the world a better place?

We have started thinking about things that are bad in the world and what we think makes a good person. We will reflect on the good choices we make ourselves and how we put things right and learn if we make the wrong choice. As the term progresses, we will link this to different religious beliefs and think about how different religions use their holy books for guidance and compare this to non-religious ways of being good without God.

Forest School

The children will continue to have Forest School for the whole day every Friday for the rest of this term. They have many projects they work on and develop, which are both directed by adults and led by themselves. The children have also started to visit Comets Meadow this half term and will be continuing to do so as they develop their wildflower garden.

Forest School is important to all adults and children at school, because we understand and value the benefits it offers. The children have been able to look for bees and other creatures, see deer and even badgers on the night camera, see the changes that have taken place while the seasons have been changing; develop their photography skills and also help to develop the area for a place to learn and explore.



Wanted:

Plastic bags and crisp packets. Please could you save any plastic bags you have at home e.g. shopping bags, bread bags, toilet roll bags - any plastic bags (especially with colour) and send them in with your child next week. We will be using them for an art project in class. We also ask that you send in 5/ 6 crisp packs with your child too. Again, these will be used in class on an art project.

It is essential that all bags (plastic and crisp) are clean and dry. Thank you in advance.

We are all looking forward to the Summer Term with your children. As always, if you do have any concerns, please let us know so that we can help you or your child.

Mrs Lee and the Year 4 team.