

# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2022

## History and Mystery of Brownsea



### English:

The children will be trying their hand at two different text types based on the history and mystery of Brownsea Island. They will write their own suspense story, looking in detail at how to build suspense. They will also create their own non-chronological report about this wonderful local landmark.

### Maths:

The children will be finishing their learning about multiplication and division before moving on to developing their understanding of fractions and decimals. There will continue to be a big push on ensuring that the children are secure in their times tables knowledge so please keep the practice up at home too! The children are doing brilliantly so far!

P.E: The children will be improving their gym skills during indoor lessons and trying their hand at invasion games outdoors.

Computing: The children will be learning all about creating digital artwork.

RE: This half term the children will be learning about Judaism, particularly Passover.

French: The children will be learning all about the topic 'Describing People' using our fantastic French scheme, 'Salut'.

Music: A specialist teacher is coming in to teach the children how to play a brass instrument.

### Trip:

This half term we will be setting sail around Brownsea Island on a boat trip, which is provided free of charge by a joint venture between RSPB Poole, 'Birds of Poole Harbour' Education Charity and the Sound Approach.

You will receive a letter with more information on this in due course.



### Science and Geography:

In Science, the children will learn about living things and their habitats with a particular focus on local wildlife. They will learn how to classify animals and will be able to link this knowledge to our trip around Brownsea. In geography, the children will learn about Brownsea and the local area, focussing on its geographical features using map work.

### Jigsaw (PSHCE): Dreams and Goals

During this topic, the children will understand that it is important to have hopes and dreams. Additionally, they will learn about the importance of resilience and how to draw upon positive and happy times to help them overcome disappointments, then how to set new plans to achieve a new goal.

### Reading:

This half term, the children will continue to develop their skills in fact retrieval, inference and word meaning. Most importantly, however, we will continue to encourage a love of reading and introduce them to different interesting and engaging texts. One of these will be 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo.

### Recommended Reading:

- 'Flood and Fang' by Marcus Sedgwick
- 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick

### Home-learning:

For this term's home learning, we would like to give the children a task related to our science topic.

Draw (or make!) a diorama of a local habitat. Teachers will go over what this in class.

Home-Learning is due in on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and a letter will be sent at the start of term with more details.