

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2023

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 begin 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 golf skills outdoors.

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

Religion and World Views: This half term the children will be learning about Islam, particularly mosques and Hajj.

French: The children will be learning how to say the different colours and ask questions.

Music: The children will be improvising and composing their own musical pieces.

Trip:

This half term, we are excited to go on a boat trip around Brownsea Island 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.



DT:

The children will be using their design skills to design and make their own bug hotel.

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' and 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick
- 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo

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 hopefully 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 geography using map work.

PSHE: 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.

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 is in class.

Home-Learning is due during the week beginning Monday 5th February 2023 and a note in diaries will be attached with more details at the start of term.