

Aycliffe Village Primary School

Silver Birch Class - Year 4

Summer Term 2019



What are we learning this term?

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a wonderful Easter and that you are looking forward to the term ahead. Read on to find out about the interesting things that we will be learning about this term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Richmond

Geography

During the first half term, we will be continuing to find out about Italy. We will be comparing Italy and England, looking at land use and facilities, climate and settlements. Children will use locational language to describe Italy and where it is. In addition, we will study Mount Vesuvius and how people may be affected by the volcano.

During the second half term, we will be focusing on the question, 'Where does the food on our plate come from?' Children will learn what happens during farming and how food is grown.

History

What was daily life like in Roman Britain?

Children will learn about when the Romans were in Britain, what daily life was like, what their homes were like, what they did for fun, how they dressed and what the toilets were like. We will investigate what the Romans did for us and find out about the food they ate.

Year 4 will discuss how artefacts are used to inform us about life in Roman Britain and we will discover what an artist's interpretation tells us about the past.

Science (Taught by Mr Underwood)

The first topic we will focus on this term is States of Matter. Children will learn to identify solids, liquids and gases, investigate gases, observe and investigate heating and cooling, explain what happens during evaporation and explain how the water cycle works!

There will be lots of practical activities for children to get involved with!

Our second topic will be plants. Children will learn about the functions of different parts of flowering plants, explore the requirements of plants for life and growth and explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

English

- Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin)
- Words with the /sh/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)
- Persuasive Writing - Letters
- Stories set in an imaginary world

Mathematics

- Problem solving linked to short division
- Decimals - including fractions as decimals
- Money & Measure - two-step problems
- Time - read, write and convert time between analogue and digital clocks
- Multiplication - all facts up to 12 x 12

Computing

- Coding
- Digital Literacy - Rings of Responsibility, Copyright and The Power of Words.
- Communication, Publishing and Collaborating - make an eBook about life in Aycliffe.

Religious Education (Taught by Mr Underwood)

- What do Christians believe about God?

Music

- Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control.

French

- Describing the weather

Art & Design

- Some Art work will be linked to our History topic (see above)
- Art work linked to rainforests
- Sketching techniques

P.E.

- Athletics
- Attacking/Defending games
- Fit for life

PSHE

- Choices- Taking Part/Choices/Animals and Us/Children's Rights

Your support with your child's learning can make a big difference to the progress they make.

Please remember to:

- Listen to your child read at least 4 times per week and ask them questions about their reading to check their understanding of the story. **Every signature in their reading record counts towards our whole school reading challenge!**
- Every class will now have their homework given out on a Friday to be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Please support your child to remember to hand it in each week.
- Have a clean PE kit in school at all times. Children can bring a pair of joggers as well as shorts as we will be having PE lessons outdoors when possible for the rest of this academic year.