

Aycliffe Village Primary School

Silver Birch Class - Year 4 - Miss Richmond

Spring Term 2020



What are we learning this term?

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas 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 this term, our focus question will continue to be 'Where in the world are we?'. Children will name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom and geographical regions. They will identify human and physical characteristics of Durham, understand how some of these aspects have changed over time and focus on using grid references to locate features on a map.

History

What was daily life like in Roman Britain?

Children will discover what food The Romans ate and determine how artefacts are used to inform us about life in Roman Britain. We will investigate what an artist's interpretation tells us about the past.

There will be a DT focus during History this term and children will be creating shields to replicate those used in Roman Britain. We will also attempt to recreate some famous buildings/landmarks using junk materials.

During the second half term, we will move onto our second History topic which is Who Were the Ancient Greeks? In the context of learning about the Ancient Greek Empire, we will investigate how it grew and why, develop knowledge and understanding of the Greek timeline, and learn how the ruling systems in Ancient Greece changed, before the democratic system, after and in the modern day.

Science - Mr Underwood

This term the class will study 'States of Matter'. This unit will teach the class about the differences between solids, liquids and gases, classifying objects and identifying their properties. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate the weight of a gas. Furthermore, they will have chance to find the ideal temperature to melt chocolate. They will explore in-depth how water changes state, exploring melting, freezing, condensing as well as a particular focus on evaporation. Finally, they will learn about the stages of the water cycle.

English

- Year 3/4 Spelling Rules - including prefixes: - sub, -super and words ending in -tion, ssion, sion, sure and ture
- Stories from other cultures - writing to entertain and persuade
- Non-Chronological Reports - writing to inform

Mathematics

- Decimals - tenths and hundredths
- Money & Measure - solve simple measure and money problems
- Statistics - interpreting data & solving problems
- Time - read, write and convert time between analogue and digital clocks
- Multiplication - in particular, x7, x8 and x9

Computing

- Computer Science and Programming - Light Bot and Cargo Bot
- Digital Literacy - Rings of Responsibility, Copyright and The Power of Words.
- Communication, Publishing and Collaborating - make an eBook about life in Aycliffe.

Religious Education - Mr Underwood

This term we will study Hinduism, focusing on its origins, core beliefs, festivals, special places. Children will explore the different holy books, identify key Hindu symbols and understand their meanings.

French

- On the move
- Going shopping

Music

- play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression

Art & Design

- Mosaics
- Roman shields - DT
- Historical buildings - DT
- Colosseum Art

P.E.

- Dance
- Swimming - Every Wednesday afternoon for the whole of the Spring Term

PSHE

- Friendships and working together

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 3 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 have their homework given out on a **Friday** to be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Supporting your child to remember to hand it in on time will ensure it is marked.
- 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.