

Aycliffe Village Primary School

Silver Birch Class - Year 4

Autumn Term 2019



What are we learning this term?

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the new school year.

Geography

During the first term, we will 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 have been affected by the volcano in the past. This will link into our History topic.

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. This learning will be supported by a trip to the Roman fort of Vindolanda!

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.

Furthermore, we will link in Art and DT by creating our own versions of items used in Roman Britain.



Science - taught by Mr Underwood

To start with this term our topic will be Animals including Humans. We will be focusing on teeth and digestion, looking at why different animals have different teeth as well as how we can look after our teeth. We will be finding out about the digestive processes in humans from start to end!

Our next topic will be Sound. We will be exploring how we hear and how sound moves through the air. We will also discover how higher sounds and lower sounds and louder and softer sounds are made.

English

- Year 3 / 4 spellings and further homophones, words with endings sounding /shun/: -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian and words ending with -sure and -ture
- Stories with a historical setting
- Stories set in an imaginary world
- Performance poetry linked to images

Mathematics

- Place Value - up to 4 digits
- Addition and Subtraction - up to 4 digits using the column method to regroup and exchange
- Multiplication and Division - particularly rapid recall of $\times 3$ $\times 4$ $\times 6$ $\times 8$
- Perimeter and Area of rectilinear figures

Computing

- Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.
- Scratch Project - Ancient Rome

Religious Education - taught by Mr Underwood

This term we will be studying how and why Christians follow Jesus.

Music

In year 4, we will be using a range of resources from Music express. Children will partake in singing and using instruments during a performance.

French

- Describing the weather - locally and in different countries

P.E.

- Gymnastics
- Attacking and defending games

Art & Design

- Mosaics
- Roman shields
- Historical buildings

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 as much as possible and ask them questions about their reading to check their understanding of texts. If they want to complete the reading challenge, they will need to read at least four times per week! **Every signature in their reading record counts towards our 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.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Richmond