

Aycliffe Village Primary School

Silver Birch Class - Year 4

Spring Term 2019



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.

Geography

During the first part of 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.

During the second part of this term, we will be finding 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.

History

Who Were the Ancient Greeks?

We will continue to investigate how people were treated differently in Ancient Greek families, the Olympics and how we can use evidence and artefacts to explain what happened during the Olympics. We will also learn about the gods and goddesses and The Trojan War.

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.

Science

Our first topic will be continue to be Forces and Magnets. Children will observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others, compare and group together a variety of everyday materials based on whether they are attracted to a magnet and identify some magnetic materials.

The second topic we will be focusing on is Rocks. We will be looking at types of rocks, grouping rocks based on their properties, fossils and soil formation.

The third topic we will focus on 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!

English

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

Mathematics

- Decimals - tenths and hundredths
- Money and Measure - solve simple measure and money problems
- Statistics - interpreting data & solving problems
- Time - read, write and convert time between analogue and digital clocks
- Multiplication - $\times 7$, $\times 8$ and $\times 9$

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 - Mrs Percival

- What do Hindus believe?
 - (and how this affects the way they live their lives)

Music - Mrs Percival

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

French

Playground games in French

Art & Design

- Some Art work will be linked to our History topic of Ancient Greece!
- Silver Birch class will learn about great artists, architects and designers in history.

P.E.

- Invasion Games - On the attack
- Swimming - Every Wednesday afternoon for the whole of the Spring Term

PSHE

- Right and Wrong

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.
- Children will be swimming **every Wednesday afternoon** for the whole of the Spring Term.