

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term 2025

Dear Parents/carers,

We hope that you all had a lovely summer break and you're ready back for an exciting term ahead. The first term back is a very busy one and we are looking forward to it with great excitement!

English

This half term, we are focussing on a short film called 'The Dreamgiver'. The children will be working towards writing a detailed narrative and retelling the story in their own words. The children will be working on setting descriptions, character descriptions and sequencing the events of the story. They are also looking at 'up-leveling' their work by incorporating fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, adjectives and organising their work into appropriate paragraphs.



The children will also be developing their VIPER skills, which enable children to analyse and comprehend texts more deeply, to not only read a text but to also understand it. The girls will work towards being critical thinkers by interpreting texts in a number of ways. In our VIPER lessons, the children are presented with a text which is read to them and they follow along with. We then discuss any vocabulary they are unfamiliar with. A range of comprehension skills are explored as a class during the lesson.

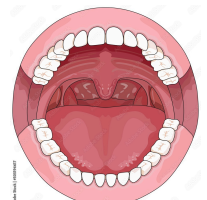
A range of spelling rules will be introduced this year, including homophones, words with the prefix 'in-' and words with the prefix 'inter-'. The girls will build on their Year 3 statutory words and the Year 4 statutory words will be sent home for homework some weeks with the spelling rule for that week.

Mathematics

This term, the children are currently focussing on developing their knowledge of place value, then they will move onto addition and subtraction. In place value, they have already begun to partition numbers to 10,000, have looked at ways of representing different numbers, and number lines. We will then explore rounding, ordering numbers to 10,000 and roman numerals. The girls also complete times table grids which they respond to well with the aim of beating their previous score. The constant revision of times tables is crucial for children in Year 4. At home, it would be great to encourage times table practice wherever possible to ensure they are always being revisited.

Science

Our current science topic is 'Animals including humans'. The children will be able to identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple function, carrying out an experiment exploring the effects of different liquids on our teeth. They will also be able



to identify the simple functions of the human digestive system, and finally identify a variety of food chains, classifying them into predator, prey and producers.

Physical Education

PE takes place on a Monday and Thursday with Mr Walker. On Monday netball skills are developed and all girls are required to take their earrings out. On Friday, they have football where they are required to wear football socks and shin pads.

History

Our current History topic is 'The Romans' where the children will be learning about the Roman way of life and how they came to invade Britain. They will understand the terms 'invade' and 'settle' and discover who Boudica is and why she was important. The girls will also develop their understanding of how the Romans have impacted our lives today.

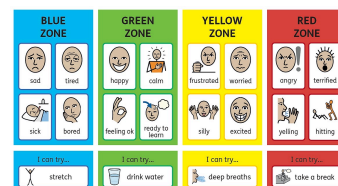


Art

The first art topic is 'Roman Mosaics' and the children will explore what they look like, the colour palette, and what kind of people had mosaics in their house. The children will create a roman design and develop their printing techniques to create a collage display. They will also create contrasting colour backgrounds to their roman design and use mosaic tiles to replicate 'terrariae' - the small stones the romans used to make the mosaics.

PSHE

In this half term for PSHE, the children have been completing a lot of work on the zones of regulation, finding suitable ways to deal with their emotions and how we cope with these feelings. They will also look at growth mindset and having a positive mindset towards learning. We will be moving onto the 'TEN TEN' scheme after half term.



ICT

In ICT with Ms Osment, the children will be focussing on keeping themselves safe online, their online relationships and online bullying, and they will also be looking into computer systems and networks.

French

In French with Mrs Ferraby, the children will be revisiting the vocabulary they learnt in Year 3, ensuring they can recall it from their memory. They will be learning age, brothers and sisters, where they live, birthdays, animals and colours.



Music



In music with Mrs Trepant, the children will be looking at medieval music, exploring pieces and rhythmic patterns. They will also be learning to play the recorder, embedding G, A and B and reading all note values. Furthermore, they will also be looking at 'Interesting Time Signatures' and embedding all foundational elements of music.



Drama

This term the girls will be working on Choral Speaking Rehearsal and creation for the Jersey Eisteddfod. They will be learning how to work as a group and will build confidence in performance.

I hope this gives you an insight into what your daughter's life looks like in Year 4! If you have any questions please feel free to email me cassidyg@beaulieu.jersey.sch.uk

With best wishes,

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