

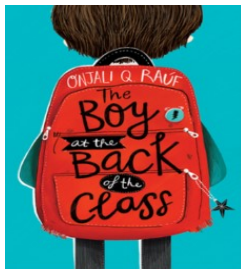


# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter—Autumn Term

## English

In our literacy lessons this term, we will be covering a range of reading and writing objectives that will be delivered. Children will be exploring themes, issues and sustain ideas through discussions. They will also compose writing for a wide variety of purposes linked to our books: *Ug: The Boy Genius of the Stone Age* and *The Boy at the Back of the Class*.

We will also be using our two texts, *The Stolen Spear* by Saviour Pirotta and *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf, to further the children's literacy knowledge.



## Creative Learning Journey (CLJ)

Our CLJ theme is called 'Caves to Castles' and in particular, relates closely to our History, Geography and Art learning. We will be looking at the progression from Stone Age to Bronze Age to Iron Age. We will also be looking at castles across Britain. This links to our residential to Leeson House this term and will extend the children's understanding through real life experiences.

The Science for this topic is looking at the states of matter and then moves on to electricity.

## Maths

In our Numeracy lessons this term we will be following the Inspire Math's Scheme of work and covering the following units:

- Place Value
- Written calculations for all four operations
- Handling data



We will also be focusing highly on times tables this year so any support with this would be beneficial. Times tables rock stars is a great resource.

## Rights Respecting—Article 29:

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

## Reading

Children who enjoy reading regularly thrive in their learning and therefore children are asked to read daily, which they should record in their planners. Three of these sessions per week should be reading with an adult for at least 10 minutes. Please also record this in their planners.

This year we will be continuing with incentivising reading at home. The children will be issued a raffle ticket for 3 reads in a week, two raffle tickets for 4 reads and three raffle tickets for 5 reads. At the end of each week a raffle ticket will be drawn and the winner will be able to pick a small stationary related prize. There will also be a draw at the end of the term for a book of their choice.

We have a wide selection of reading books in school and I will be encouraging the children to select appropriate books for them and take these home to read.



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## P.E.

P.E. sessions are on a Thursday and Friday this term. We will be covering a combination of dance and multi-skills.

Your child will be expected to wear blue shorts, a white St Ives logoed t-shirt, blue socks and trainers. During colder weather, the children can

## Art and Design Technology

In Art this term, we will be exploring modern and contemporary portraits. The children will be studying the work of Marc Quinn and Pablo Picasso to develop their artistry.



In DT, we will be looking at designing and creating stone age jewellery and cave paintings. Through the evaluation of past and present design, children will develop a critical understanding of its impact on daily life and the wider world.

## Home Learning

All home learning will be set and completed on Seesaw.

Each week homework will be set on a Friday and handed in on the following Wednesday and will comprise of:

- Maths, English or CLJ activity relating to our current learning (30-40 minutes)
- Reading (3 x 10 mins per week)
- Specific times tables

The school also has a subscription to Times Table Rockstars and IXL; they are both absolutely fantastic resources which will help your child improve their maths ability. I will be monitoring your child's usage of these programmes. If you have difficulties accessing at home please let me know.

## PSHE

The PSHE themes this term will be 'Democracy' where we will be looking at parliament, the government and different laws, as well as 'Making choices'.



## Planners

This is a communication link between school and home to ensure you are informed of events throughout the year. Children are encouraged to use this to make a note of their activities after school, clubs, trips, WOW days, when homework is due and any other activities going on. All reading at home should also be recorded in here.

## Computing

In our computing lessons we will continue to develop our knowledge of online safety, helping to ensure that we stay safe online. We will also look at communicating online.

## Music

In music we will be having Samba lessons with the opportunity to use a wide range of instruments.

## Modern Foreign Languages

We will be building on our existing Spanish knowledge this year.

During the Autumn term we will focus on asking and answering questions in Spanish, greetings and feelings.

