



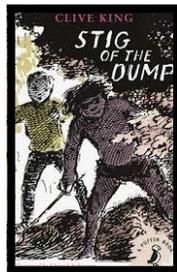
Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter—Autumn Term

English

In our literacy lessons this term, we will be covering a range of reading and writing objectives that will be delivered through the Year 4 Read Write Inc. The children will:

- Create their own dilemma story.
- Description writing based on a magical world of their choice.
- Instructional writing on how to keep your gadget safe.
- Persuasive speeches pitching their gadget to Dragons Den.

We will also be using our two texts, 'Stig of the Dump' and 'Granny' to further develop the children's literacy skills.



Creative Learning Journey (CLJ)

Our CLJ theme is called 'I'm in a rainforest, get me out of here!' and in particular, relates closely to our Geography, Art and Science learning. We will be looking at the where rainforests are, who and what lives in the rainforest and the impact of deforestation.

The Science for this topic is based around 'Living things' focusing on Prey and Predators, looking at food chains and classifying animals.

Could you please support your child in these areas by encouraging them to research on the internet and in books and discuss anything they can find linked to the above areas of learning.

Maths

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



- Place Value
- Written calculations for all four operations
- Handling Data
- Fractions

We will also be focusing highly on times tables this year so any support with this would be beneficial.

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 at least 3 times a week, which they should record in their planners. These sessions should be reading with an adult for at least 10 minutes. Please record this in their planners.

On the inside cover of your child's planner is their 'Reading Tree'. When they have read 5 books from each level and collected 5 adult signatures to confirm, they will move up to the next level of the Reading Tree. At the end of certain levels, they can 'branch off' and read books of their choice from the selection provided before moving to the next level.

Inside the back of the planner is a document of questions you can use to support your child with their reading at home. Please use these frequently as these are the types of questions the children are assessed against.



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P.E.

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

Your child will be expected to come into school wearing their P.E. kit on these days, consisting of; blue shorts, a white St Ives logoed t-shirt, the St Ives hoody, blue socks and trainers.

During colder weather, the children can wear black tracksuit bottoms. Please could you ensure that everything is clearly labelled.

Art

In art this term we will be researching about Henri Rousseau and looking at his rainforest creations. We will be using his masterpieces as inspiration for our own rainforest scenes.



Home Learning



All home learning will be set and completed on Seesaw. Each weeks homework will be set on a Tuesday and handed in on the following Monday 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'.

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.

Modern Foreign Languages



We will be building on our existing French knowledge this year. During the Autumn term we will focus on asking questions in French, parts of the body, and beginning to learn the verb 'to be'.

Music

In music we will be exploring the sounds of the rainforest, linking with our class theme.

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.