Curriculum Newsletter

MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 1.2 YEAR 4

Autumn 2 School Value: **Connected**

Science

In Science, the children will learn about different states of matter: solid, liquid and gas. This will be done through various experiments. Furthermore, they will learn about the water cycle.

Art / Design and Technology

In this this half term, we are focusing on our drawing skills. Pupils will refine their drawing skills, focusing on lines and detail. They will select drawing materials based on their understanding of the possible marks that can be made.

Maths

In maths, the children are concentrating on multiplication and division. They will be learning more about factor pairs and products, the distributive law and how to answer problems mentally.

Additionally, they will be learning to compare and interpret pictograms and bar charts as well as exploring time graphs.

Geography / History

Pupils will continue researching where the Anglo Saxons invaded and how this changed the lives of people. They will also be finding out exactly how great Alfred the Great was! As well as this, we will look at Viking life, how they lived and where they invaded and settled.

PSHE

We will be looking at how to tell the difference between friends and acquaintances, stereotypes and other people's similarities and differences.

English

We will be reading the book, 'Leon and the Place in between' by Grahame Baker-Smith. The children will continue to build on their skills of grouping related ideas into paragraphs. They will continue using conjunctions to express time, place and cause, but in addition to this, the pupils will be focusing on their mastery skills and learn to extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions including: when, if, because, although. Furthermore, the children will also be able to indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns.



Religious Education

Children will learn about the importance of light in religious festivals and celebrations including Hannukah, Diwali and festivals from ancient civilisations such as the Egyptians, the Incas and the Pagan solstices.

Computing

Pupils will consider how and why data is collected over time. Pupils will consider the senses that humans use to experience the environment and how computers can use special input devices called sensors to monitor the environment.

Music

This half term, we are focusing on soul and gospel song related to the song 'Lean On Me'. They will be listening to and appraising a variety of soul and gospel songs.

PE

PE days this half term are…
4A – Tuesday and Thursday
4B – Tuesday and Friday
4C – Tuesday and Thursday
Please could you make sure that your child has full kit including trainers. Your child must not wear any jewellery including earrings on days when they have PE.

Help at home

You can help your child by:

Reading with them for at least 10 minutes a day.

Practising times tables.

Looking at non-fiction books or web pages that help children understand the Viking way of life.

Accessing TT Rockstars every day.