

Home Learning

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible. They have been asked to read daily by themselves or with an adult. The children should record their daily reading (pages read) in their reading record. Records will be shared on

Fridays with the class teacher and we ask that you initial the record on a Thursday please.

Each Friday the children will bring home a CUSP spelling sheet and we ask that they complete these at home

Dates for the diary

PE day - Wednesday Please ensure your child comes into school in their school PE kit, adequate footwear and with a water bottle.

Term Dates

Curriculum Meeting Friday 15th

September 2:45-3:15

Harvest Festival 28th September 9:30

Open Afternoon 11th October 2-5pm

INSET 20th October 2023

Year 3 and 4 Autumn Term 1

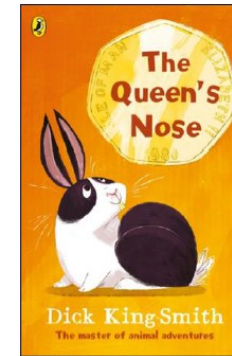
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English

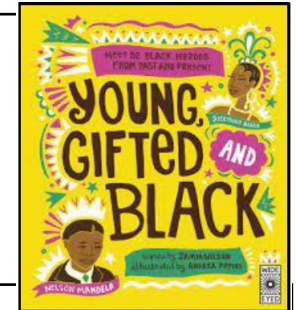
Reading: The children will be reading *The Queen's Nose* and *Young, Gifted and Black* as our class Cusp texts. Year 3 and 4 children will be developing a range of skills including retrieval, inference, summarising and comparing. They will evaluate author intent and make personal responses to texts. We will use a range of non fiction and fiction and share a shared story chosen by the class for daily reading.

Writing: We will revisit aspects of

Poetry writing and create our own Haiku poems using this extended period of sunshine as our starting point. The children will write adverts for our persuasive writing and build on their imaginative writing skills through the construction of first person diary entries. We will also be building in additional opportunities for extended independent writing and opportunities for writing across other subjects.



Our class texts



Mathematics

Year 3: Work will be focused on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. Children will work through recall, fluency, practical and written tasks with numbers to 1000. They will use a Number Line and Hundred Square, representing, partitioning, comparing, ordering and estimating numbers. They will find 1,10 or 100 more or less.. Children will count in 50s. Children will consolidate addition and subtraction (across a 10 and 100) and work with greater confidence with 3 digit numbers.

Year 4: Work will be focused on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. Children will work through recall, fluency, practical and written tasks with numbers to 10,000. They will use a Number Line and Hundred Square, representing, partitioning, comparing, ordering and estimating numbers. They will find 1,10 or 100 more or less.. Children will learn Roman Numerals and round numbers to the nearest 10,100 or 1,000. Add and Subtract in 1s, 10s, 100s and 1,000s. There will be a focus on estimation and checking of strategies. Year 3&4 will have weekly opportunities to solve problems using reasoning skills.

Science We will be studying Living Things and Their Habitats.

Children will learn to describe the characteristics of living things. They will define vertebrates and invertebrates.

In classification they will use a Key or a set of questions about the characteristic of living things to decide which group a living thing belongs to.

RE The children will continue to work with Mrs Brown (each Thursday) and will be exploring the Story of Creation. They will consider how Christians behave if they believe God is the Creator and think about ways to act and work together to look after our beautiful world.

PE This term we are going to be building on the Fundamental skills in PE. Including balancing skills, jumping, running, catching and moving in different ways.

Spanish This term the children will be moving onto the topic of All About School and related vocabulary.

Mrs Williams will be teaching them Spanish Grammar converting el/la to un/una.

Computing Our focus this term is 'Computing Systems and Networks' and Connecting Computers. The children will



Geography We will be learning about rivers The children will be able to identify what are the features of a river and find out about local rivers and where they come from and where they flow through.

History Our learning will be themed around The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.

The children will learn what life was like for the Vikings, where they invaded and settled and why they were so feared and successful. They will study what happened to the Vikings in England.

PSHE We will explore Families and Relationships. There will be a focus on Anti Bullying and an understanding of the importance of prevention of online bullying and keeping safe.

Art Drawing is our focus this term, exploring Still Life and using viewfinders to find a focal point. Children will assemble their own interesting compositions & explore combining materials such as pencil and chalks to create effects in their artwork. We will study the Italian artist, Giorgio Morandi and his compositions.

Music Abba is the inspiration for the term and the children will learn 'Mamma Mia' and play the instrumental parts of the song. They will learn musical vocabulary to appraise and respond to music.

DT Our first Block is Food and Nutrition and we will be asking the question: What's really in your food? The children will be busy making pizza, bread and soup, building on their culinary skills and techniques and evaluating outcomes.