

Moorlands Schools Federation

Year 4

Term 1

Fox and Otter Class



Writing

Fiction Writing: Character Description

(Purpose: Entertain)

Non-fiction: Non-chronological report

(Purpose: Inform)

Poetry: Free Verse (Purpose: Entertain)

Maths

Place Value

Addition and Subtraction

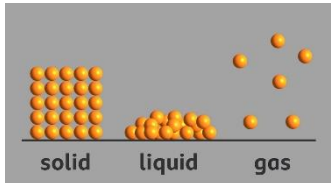
Times Table Focus: 10, 2, 5, 3

Parents and Carers Talk about Times Tables in Year 4 at 8:45am OR 2:45pm on 15/10/26



Science

Theme: States of Matter
We will investigate the properties of solids, liquids and gases. We will look at how water evaporates and link this to learning about the water cycle.



Geography

This term, we will be focusing on North and South America: learning to name and locate countries, capital cities and key physical features. We will learn about map symbols and how to use the 8 compass points.



Ch-Ch-Ch- Changes!

States of Matter



Selection of our Key Texts

'Pugs of the Frozen North'

by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre.

Diary Entry: Endurance

Information text: Landmarks & National Parks of USA

'The Tunnel' by Anthony Brown



Art and Design

Focus: Drawing: exploring tone, texture and proportion

We will develop our pencil skills by: learning to create a 3D effect through using tone, and how to show texture by combining lines and making marks. The focus of our drawings will be Quality Street chocolates and we will be inspired by the artists Sarah Graham, Nicola McBride and Beatriz Milhazes.



P.E. Fundamental Skills & Basketball

French Focus: Seasons

We will also learn more French phonics which will underpin our reading, writing and pronunciation.

PSHE-RSE

Jigsaw Puzzle Piece: 'Being Me in My World.'

We will use Jigsaw sessions to talk about being part of team. We will talk about attitudes and actions and their effects on the whole class. We will talk about the different roles people have and how to make positive contributions, how to make collective decisions and how to deal with conflict.



R.E.

Focus religion: Judaism

We will find out about the different values a Jewish person might have through learning about the 10 Commandments. We will reflect on our own personal beliefs and values. At the end of the term, we will hold our own Shabbat event and learnt about its importance.



Thrive Developmental Strand:

Understanding the need for rules



Music

Focus: Film music

Inspired by The Pink Panther, we will explore film themes and how to use music to create different moods in a film's story.



Computing Team



Computing:

Computing systems and networks - The Internet

Project Evolve: Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle

Events

- 1/10: PTA Disco
- Oct: Black History Month
- 7/10: Individual and Sibling School Photos
- 9/10: Wear something yellow for World Mental Health Day
- 13/10: St Luke's Church Harvest Festival (in school)
- 16/10: Wear red to show Racism the Red Card
- 20/10: Y4 trip to American Museum
- 20 & 22/10: Home School Partnership Meetings
- 23/10: INSET day



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Pick 'n Mix

Maths:

Basic number facts (rapid recall):
Go onto 'Hit the Button' on the Top Marks website. You'll be able to practise your number bonds, halves and doubles, and your times tables skills - choose the right challenge for you!



Maths:

Recall your times table facts on Times Table Rock Stars. Please play the 'Garage' mode as this will pick for you the times tables you need to practise.

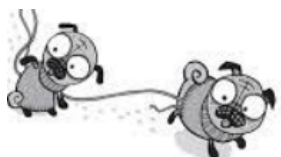


Maths:

Practice telling the time to the nearest minute using both an analogue and digital clock.



Writing:



Write your own version of 'Pugs of the Frozen North', in which you, as the main character, go on an adventure with 66 pugs. This could be to Snowfather's Palace or it could be to the Amazon Rainforest or even to one of the 7 Wonders of the Modern World.

Reading:

Using the book you are reading, can you name all the characters and predict what might happen next if there was a sequel?

Challenge: Can you retell the story in no more than 5 sentences (summarise)?



Spelling:

Practice spelling our Year 3&4 spelling words. Use your neatest handwriting, thinking carefully about how letters are joined to each other.

Our words this term are: accident, actual, address, answer, appear, arrive, believe, bicycle, breath, breathe, build, busy, business, calendar, caught, centre, century, certain.



Geography

Research information about one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. Can you then write a non-chronological report using subheadings to group the information you found?



Science

Help your adults with some cooking or baking. Observe the changes in states of matter. Can you see any of these changes happening? Condensing, evaporating, freezing, melting, heating, cooling, boiling.



What can you notice? Describe the changes that are happening and the reasons for them with your adults.

Computing

Practice your typing skills on BBC Dance mat. Later in the term, you could also go onto scratch and practise the skills you have learnt so far to create an educational game.

