

PINNER PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 4

CURRICULUM TO BE COVERED – Spring 2018



ENGLISH:

Children will be developing their writing through a considered approach: looking at best examples of writing, developing sophisticated vocabulary, planning, writing, editing and improving. These skills will be applied to writing across a range of genres where the children need to write from different viewpoints.

In Year 4 we encourage a range of literacy activities including speaking and listening, reading for meaning and pleasure, and writing. Reading experiences encompass a variety of approaches: reading alone and with peers, using fiction and non-fiction materials both electronically and on paper. We encourage class discussions and independent thought. There will also be a focus this term on different forms of poetry, narratives with historical settings and explanation texts. The use of Standard English will be developed through spellings (with use of our new Read Write Inc. programme), punctuation and grammar. In Year 4 the children learn about various genres of writing, including description, review, informal letter, report, diary, speech and newspaper report.

MATHEMATICS:

During the year we concentrate on developing arithmetic strategies and calculations in the four rules of number. We will be following the Primary New Curriculum which includes the topics of shape, time, Roman numerals, measurement and fractions. Another skill which children will develop this term will be problem solving. They will apply RUCSAC (Read, Understand, Choose, Solve, Answer, Check) to help them.

SCIENCE:

In the Spring Term, we will cover The Water Cycle and Changing States. The children will get the opportunity to plan and carry out investigations throughout these units and will be encouraged to use a wide range of scientific vocabulary related to the topic.

PE:

Our units of work covered this term for PE will include net and wall skills. The children will also be developing their knowledge and skills in dance and gymnastics, with a focus on travelling and balance. In addition, children will be going swimming on a rota basis in order to develop basic skills as well as life-saving skills.

RE:

We foster the values of appreciation and respect for peers and adults and encourage the sharing of attitudes and beliefs. This term we will be taking a closer look at different forms of prayer across religions and the Easter story, in line with learning about Christianity Their learning takes place through RE days which are specially organized to enrich and engage the pupils.

MUSIC:

Children will develop their ability to write melodies and lyrics using scales to create simple accompaniments. They will then learn how to use sound colours to create mood. Finally, children will learn how to create a composition stimulated by pictures, combining sounds for effect.

FRENCH:

Children are given opportunities to take part in activities in French that involve listening, speaking and reading. They are encouraged to communicate orally with each other in pairs, groups and with their teacher. They use language for real purposes and their understanding and skills are developed through a range of language activities (e.g. games, conversations and role-play). This term the focus is on days of the week, months of the year and festivals.

Art:

Pupils will learn about different paint techniques, sketching and brush work. Looking at shape and tone, they will be creating their own designs by using methods with a variety of materials.

TOPIC: Children will be learning about the Romans, including the legacy left behind following the Roman occupation of Britain. Children will also learn about natural disasters (volcanoes and earthquakes) in their unit on Extreme Earth.

COMPUTING: Children will learn how to keep themselves safe online. They will also complete units on coding and animation.

PSHE: This term's units are Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me. Children will have the chance to think about their own personal dreams and goals and set short term goals. They will learn how to be healthy in mind, body and spirit.