

PE Kit

Yellow PE t-shirt. black shorts and trainers.
Black jogging bottoms and school jumpers when weather is colder. Please come into school wearing your PE kit.



PE lessons are on Monday and Friday.

Please make sure all your child's uniform and shoes are clearly marked with their name.

Jewellery - earrings must be removed for PE. Plasters are not allowed to be used to cover earrings during PE, so if your child is unable to remove them on their own please remove them before school.

Home learning

We will continue to use Spelling Frame this year for our spelling tests. Spellings will update on a Wednesday.

Your child should read every day. Reading will be celebrated every week and the children will move on their class Reading Race.

Your child should work on Mathletics, Times Table Rock stars and Reading Express at home. All passwords can be found in your child's reading diary.

Our library day will be: Wednesday

We all follow the same three school rules:

1. We respect all members of the community
2. We follow instructions
3. We use our hands, feet and other objects in a kind way.

Furzefield Primary School



Curriculum Information Year Four Spring Term

English

We will be focussing on three themes this term; myths and legends, non-fiction instructions and adventure fiction.

Through our history topic of the Mayans we will be looking at legends, myths, hieroglyphics and using questioning. We will also be researching and presenting facts. We will read *The Chocolate Tree*, *The Rain Player* and *The Quetzal Bird*. We will play and write instructions for an ancient Mayan ball game. We will be reading the adventure story by Kieran Larwood, 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' and exploring our own creative writing styles.

We will also be looking at handwriting and spellings. Children will be encouraged to use joined handwriting and experiment with adventurous vocabulary. Every day in class we will have guided reading and will be joined by 6th form students from Caterham school to read 'The Demon Dentist' by David Walliams.

How you can help at home:

Read a variety of texts together regularly. Support your child with Reading Express.

Maths

We will be focussing on these areas of learning this term: place value, sequences, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, shape and space, fractions and word problems. We will continue to talk about the 'Multiplication tables check' that will take place in the summer term 2024.



How you can help at home:

Regular work on times tables, including Times Table Rockstars. Support your child with Mathletics. Pokemaths tests will take place every Wednesday in school.

Science

Animals including humans: The children will identify the different types of teeth in humans and describe the simple functions of the human digestive system. They will also construct and interpret a variety of food chains.

Sound: The children will be identifying how sounds are made, recognising that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. Finding patterns between pitch of a sound and features of the object that it produced it.

How you can help at home: Identify sound spots, focussing on vibration and pitch.



PE

PE topics. We will be learning some dance skills. We will also be learning and modifying some ancient Mayan ball games.

How you can help at home:

Your child will need to wear their PE kits on Monday and Friday. Ensure that your child has the appropriate kit, especially suitable shoes and warm clothing for outdoor lessons.



History and Cross Curricular learning

Our topic this term is the ancient civilisation of the Mayans. We will look at all aspects of their life and culture. This will include farming, their beliefs, housing, ancient artefacts and daily life. We will also have some forest school sessions based on the Mayans (more information to follow).

How you can help at home: Watch programmes on the Ancient civilisations of the Mayans, look for information in books and on the internet.

Computing

We will revisit issues of online safety at regular occasions. We will be improving our Word processing skills and applying these skills across the curriculum. We will also use the internet to research our history and English topics. We will be developing our 1:1 device model and introducing google classroom, Nearpod and other new learning platforms.

How you can help at home: Discuss online safety with your child. You can also log on to purple mash at home and try some of the activities.

RE

We will be learning about Christians, in particular if communion is an act of celebration or remembrance? We will also be looking at Hinduism and what helps Hindus to worship.

How you can help at home:

Discuss with your child the main events of Easter.

Music

We will continue our musical journey using Glockenspiels. We will explore the rhythm and tempo of music while joining in with popular songs.

How you can help at home:

Listen to different types of music and try to clap along with the beat.

PSHE

Our values this term are responsibility & honesty and peace & freedom. We will talk about the rights of the child, and why telling the truth is difficult but important. We will be introducing 'No Outsiders' into our PSHE lessons through a series of picture books and assemblies.

How you can help at home:

Use the local and national news to discuss current affairs.