

Hunmanby Primary School Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter
Spring term

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you have all had a great Christmas and that you are enjoying getting back into routine. Please find below an overview of our term.

Geography - Misty Mountain, Winding River

This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.



English and maths

We are continuing our whole school approach to writing 'The Write Stuff'. To begin with, we will write a newspaper report before moving onto a poem, narrative and non-fiction script. In maths, we are continuing multiplication and division, and then we will learn about length and perimeter, followed by fractions and decimals.

The children made very good progress with their times table recall last term. We will continue our weekly focus on our times tables and will continue to use TTRS to support this.



Science and computing

In science, we will be learning about states of matter. We will then move onto grouping and classifying. Our first computing topic will focus on programming and after half term, we will be focussing on data and information.

Art and D&T



Our first art project is 'Vista'. This project teaches children about the techniques that artists use when composing landscape images, such as colour and atmosphere. Our second project is 'Animal', and we will learn about the historical and cultural portrayal of animals in art. Our D&T topic this term is 'Functional and Fancy Fabrics' and this project teaches children about home furnishings and the significant designer William Morris.

PSHE, French and RE

This half term in PSHE, we will begin with 'Health and Wellbeing' followed by 'Economic Wellbeing'. In French, our topics are 'Clothes- getting dressed in French' and 'French numbers, calendars and birthdays'. In RE, we will be focussing on the questions: 'Just how important are our beliefs?' And 'Who was Jesus really?'

PE

We will continue with **two PE lessons per week** and would like children to continue to leave their PE kits in a named bags on their pegs.

Our PE days will be Thursday and Friday (while swimming) and Wednesday and Friday once we have finished our swimming block.



This term we will also be doing Gymnastics, Hockey and Outdoor Adventurous Activities.



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Music - Our first music unit focuses on the song 'Stop!' which is a rap about bullying. After half term, we focus on the song 'Lean On Me' which is a soul/gospel song.



Homework will continue to come home on a Friday and is expected back no later than Wednesday. Please do let me know if the homework is a struggle and we will do what we can to readdress the learning in school.

Reading at home

A **minimum of 3 reads per week**. Please encourage them to read and sign and date their reading record (remember, this does not always have to be their school reading book, they can log other reads too) Reading is so important and supports progress across the whole curriculum. Class rewards will be given.

We will continue to select a 'Reading for Pleasure' book every Friday. These books are to be in school every Friday when they can either opt to swap or keep their book.



- Dojo remains our main reward system; we will continue to award bronze, silver and gold certificates as Dojo points build and some children may even reach platinum by the end of the year.

- My planning afternoon is on a Tuesday and therefore I will not be in class and Mrs Collier-woods will be teaching French, PSHE and Computing.

- Mrs Adams will continue to support us this term.

- If you have any questions or concerns, please send me a message via Dojo or try to catch me on the playground before or after school.

Thanks,
Mrs Cerexhe