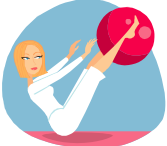


Year 4 Curriculum Information Autumn Term 2016

Welcome back to Middlefield and a new term in Ash class.

Below is an outline of what we will be covering in the curriculum this term.

Literacy 	The children will be studying several topics over the next term, including learning about different types of recounts. The children will write newspaper articles and diary entries based on the novel <i>The Iron Man</i>. The children will also be studying and writing play scripts and producing their own creative poems. Through all these units the children will be focusing on how they can improve structure and grammar in their writing.
Numeracy 	Throughout the year children will have a Maths lesson every day. Within numeracy this term we will be looking in more detail at topics which relate back to the key skills that the children will have learnt in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In the first few weeks of term we will be focusing on the skills of partitioning, ordering and rounding numbers. As the children's fluency in Maths increases, we will encourage reasoning and problem solving activities to deepen their understanding.
Science 	Children will be studying two topics this term; firstly 'Living things and their habitats' and then 'Animals including humans'. In their habitats topic they will be exploring and using classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their environment. Within the animals topic the children will learn to describe the simple functions of the parts of the human digestive system.
History 	This term the children are learning all about the Tudors. They will be learning about various aspects of the Tudor era through a variety of sources including books, the internet and artefacts. They will be learning about key people during this period and will be using their research to complete a number of pieces of work. This will include writing comparisons between the rich and poor, diary entries and letter writing.
ICT 	This term the children will be using the laptops to help with their History research and also to produce documents. The children will be expected to type a title, change font/size/colour/position of text, save/load and retrieve a document along with manipulating pictures and adding captions. The children will also be expected to use Scratch to programme characters to follow commands and sequences.
Design and Technology 	This term the children will be working with a range of materials. They will be working with a range of materials to create a Tudor character. They will be planning their work in detail and evaluating it when it is complete. The children will also have the chance to design and create some recipes.
Art	This term Year 4 will be producing a range of observational art and will be focusing on adapting and refining their work. Their work will be both inside and outside, and their focuses will vary.

	The children will also have the chance to produce a portrait based on the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo.
Physical Education 	During this term Year 4 will have PE on a Friday afternoon. In PE the children will be covering netball and football. The children will be working on the key skills involved in these sports and they will also be working on their teamwork skills.
Religious Education 	This term the children's RE lessons will be intricately linked with their history topic of 'The Tudors'. The children will learn all about the religious beliefs at that time. They will also learn about how Henry VIII instigated the changes in Christianity and will begin to discuss the differences between Protestants and Catholics.
Homework 	In Maths the children will be using Maths Whizz. Children should aim to complete a minimum of 60 minutes a week in sessions of between 20-30 minutes. Literacy homework will be sent home each week on (or before) Thursday and will link into what we have been doing in class. Children should spend about 45 minutes on this and hand their homework in on a Monday. We will also be sending home some spellings each week to help the children to continue to develop this important skill. The children are expected to read regularly at home. Reading is enormously beneficial for their development as both readers and writers. They will bring their homelink books home every evening to be filled in by an adult who has seen or heard them read. The children need to have this filled in at least 3 times a week. The homelink books must be handed in at school every Friday to be checked.