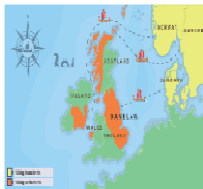


Year 4 Curriculum Information - Summer Term 2018

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 	Our literacy this term will start with narrative writing. We will use stories set in the Amazon Rainforest to link to this term's topic and provide inspiration for exciting fiction writing. Towards the end of term, the children will have the opportunity to write in a persuasive style. The children will develop and vary their sentence structures and we will focus on punctuation, particularly the use of commas and speech punctuation. The children will continue to master their independent drafting, proof-reading, editing and improving skills.
Numeracy 	The children will continue to have a maths lesson everyday. During the Summer Term we revisit many of the topics we have already covered. We start by building on our written multiplication skills before moving on to addition and subtraction. Later in the term we will consolidate our knowledge of fractions and decimals. We will look into measurement of volume, capacity and mass and recap time and the 24 hour clock. Throughout our topics we will apply our knowledge to reasoning and problem solving activities to help deepen understanding.
Science 	First we will complete our sound topic, by investigating the volume and pitch of sound. Then we will plan an experiment to prove sounds get quieter the further we are from them. Our final science topic is States of matter, the children will consider whether materials are solids, liquids or gases and observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. The children will also be learning about evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.
Geography 	The children's geography this term will be linked to our new topic: South America. The children will create a fact file about a South American country of their choice and research a wide variety of geographical aspects. They will also make comparisons between villages, towns and cities, considering why people might choose to live in particular locations. We will also be learning about the Amazon Rainforest and the animals and plants found there.
ICT 	This term the children will be using the laptops to help with their geography research and to present information. The children will continue to use Scratch to programme characters to follow commands and sequences. The children will also work in groups to produce podcasts about an aspect of their work in the outside ICE zone.

Design and Technology 	The children will be designing and creating a colourful South American carnival headdress. They will also have the opportunity to make a tropical fruit salad using some fruits that come from South America.
Art 	The children's art will be linked to our South America topic. They will develop their printing techniques creating designs using rainforest plants. They will also create art in the bold and vivid style of South American artist Gustavo Ortiz.
Physical Education 	During this term Year 4 will have PE on a Tuesday morning with Mr Franco. In PE the children will be covering a variety of sports including athletics. For the first half of the summer term year 4 will also be taught cricket by a specialist visiting PE teacher, this will take place on a Thursday. It is very important that children have their PE kits in school every day as activities can change.
Homework 	In Maths the children will continue to use Maths Whizz. Children should 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 normally link into what we have been doing in class. Children should spend about 40 minutes on this and hand their homework in on a Monday. We will also continue to send home spellings each week to help the children 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. Adults need to sign Homelink books to confirm that children have read at least 3 times during a week. Homelink books must be handed in to Mrs Kirby every Friday for checking. Thank you for your continued support with these activities.

We are looking forward to a busy, exciting and sunny term!