

Spittal School Years 3 and 4 - Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope everybody has had a safe and wonderful Easter holiday. Soon, it will be time for the Year 4 children to think about moving up to their chosen Middle Schools and we can't believe it's this time of year, once again!

Our main topics this term are Light, Electricity, Rainforests and the Mayan Civilisation of Central America.

Please continue to hear your child read regularly as it really does make such a difference, even at this age! Also, please encourage them to learn their weekly spellings and times tables. As always, if you have any questions or worries about your child, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Bayly, Mr Hair, and Mr Straughan

Literacy

Our class book this term is called 'The Great Kapok Tree' and it's all about man's relationship with rainforests. This is a great book because it explores all of the benefits that they bring to the world and ties in with our topic on rainforests. We are also going to do lots of spelling, punctuation, grammar and comprehension activities to help further develop the children's writing and reading.

Maths



In maths we will be reinforcing our number bonds to 100. The Year 3 children will be learning the 8 and the 6 times table and the Year 4 children will be learning the 7 and 11 times table. Throughout the term our emphasis will be on reasoning and problem solving. We hope to study: fractions, shapes, angles, time, measures and statistics during the summer term.

Science – Light and Electricity

We are going to reinforce our knowledge of light before moving on and studying electricity. The children will have lots of fun constructing and testing electrical circuits using batteries and exploring the properties of electricity safely.

Topic Work – Rainforests

We will study rainforests this term. We will examine their, location, climate and structure. We will also look at the flora and fauna that live within them and why it's vital that we look after them.

Topic Work – The Mayans

We will find out all about the great Mayan Civilisation of Central America. We will study many aspects of their culture including city life, village life, religion, food and maths.

Physical Education

Many of the children will be exploring the 'Commando Joe' P.E. curriculum with our P.E. specialists We will also be playing outside team games such as cricket and rounders.

Physical, Health and Social Education

This term we will be using our wonderful new 'Jigsaw' scheme to help explore aspects of PHSE and support us through these difficult times .

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