



Year 4 Spring Term

Hey Mr DJ



Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday! This term we are adopting another exciting, thematic approach to teaching called 'Hey Mr DJ' which will encompass musical skills. This will also allow children to make connections between areas of learning, and consolidate skills. All the themes chosen deliver the programmes of study for the National Curriculum.

MFL, R.E and science will be taught discreetly.

Maths

We will be developing the use of multiplication and division. Through using the bus stop method for divide and the written method for multiplication. We will also be learning about fractions, measurement and how to work out the area of a shape.

English

This term English will focus on classical texts. This will be done through settings descriptions and explanation texts

The children will be encouraged to use a variety of vocabulary, conjunctions, sentence openers and punctuation to enable them to make their writing exciting and ensuring it engages the reader.

We will continue to work on spelling, grammar and punctuation skills throughout the year.

PE

Will be taught through Soccer 2000 and the children will have a weekly dance lesson.

Geography

The children will have the opportunity to listen and appraise music written in a variety of countries. They will identify which musical instrument is dominant in this country.

History

In history, we will be exploring music from around the world this will then be put on a chronological timeline. They will also have the opportunity to listen to the music and explore how music has influenced people such as the Beatles.

Computing

The children will be developing their skills on a range of programmes. They will learn how to use a spreadsheet and how to input data. They will learn how to use data to create graphs using excel program. They will be using search engines to research musical genres and icons. Children will also learn how to use technology to create 'garage band' music, compose, perform and edit it.

Science

In Science the children will be initially be looking at sound and how it is made and how it travels. The children will then be learning about electricity.

The children will be carrying out experiments to explore this subject.

Religious Education

Children will explore, question and respond to the stories, teachings and experience of inspirational people and religious leaders from two religions that have a strong presence in the West Midlands, Hinduism and Sikhism. Children will create and use timelines of events, stories, art and artefacts to explore the significance of founders and leaders from the origins of the two different religions. They will think about 'World changing leaders'. They will ask and answer questions such as: What makes the lives of the Gurus, or of inspiring contemporary Sikhs such as Bhagat Puran Singh inspiring to millions of people? Why do Hindus have many gurus, and how do people like Gandhi or Pandurang Shastri Athavale (known as 'Dada') inspire Hindu people to change the world for the better?

MFL

In Year 4 the children will continue to learn Spanish. We will continue to learn and write simple phrases and foods We will learn our numbers further from 13-31 and continue to learn about simple traditions and customs including Easter. We will also be conducting simple role play.

Music

In Year 4 we will be dressing up as a musical icon and researching them. We will be learning about different genres in music and music around the world. We will be learning about the famous 'Beatles'. They will also be learning and understanding musical vocabulary such as dynamics, timbre, tempo etc. and learning how to hold a beat and compose music.

DT

We will be learning how to create a simple stage, including lighting and animation of a clay model. This will include skills of designing a circuit, choosing the correct methods to use, joining materials, cutting and evaluating the finished product.

Creative Homework

Children will continue to have weekly homework for maths, English and homework based on our theme. They will also have weekly spellings to learn. New Journals will also be given out with a focus on vocabulary this term.