

Learning in Farah Class Spring 2023

Topics: Living Things & Habitats; Light; Where On Earth Are We? and The Bronze & Iron Ages.

In Science, we will be learning:

- The 7 life process that all living things must have
- Habitats and how changes to them affect living things
- Exploring, writing and using classification keys
- Light and shadows and how to protect our eyes

In Geography, in our topic on Where on Earth? we will:

- Use the 8 points of a compass to locate places
- Learn about latitude and longitude; the Northern and Southern hemispheres and time zones
- Practise using atlases and maps to locate items

In History, we will be learning about The Bronze and Iron Age:

- Develop a chronological knowledge of British history and build on our knowledge about The Stone Age
- Look at achievements made in this period
- Learn about the key features of this time period
- Use archaeological evidence to gain information

In DT, we will be learning to:

- Make stable structures/frames to build a pavilion
- Create our own pavilion for a class exposition

In Art, we will be learning to:

- Creating a mixed media art piece using sewing and painting
- Practising techniques and considering what skills and techniques artists use in the same medium
- Thinking about using applique and adding texture

In English we will be...

Developing our writing skills by:

- Building on our basic sentence work to use fabulous vocabulary, including prepositions, adverbs and verbs.
- Beginning to understand how paragraphs work and applying it to our own writing..
- Use our skills to write narratives including setting descriptions, poems, recounts and myths.
- Conducting our own research and writing non-chronological reports.

Improving our spelling and handwriting by:

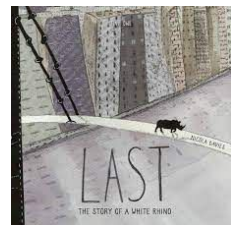
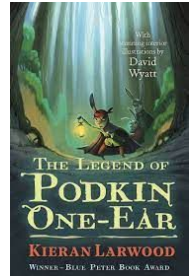
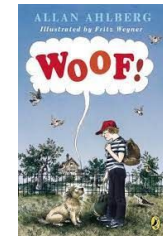
- Securing the Y1/2 spelling words while learning Y3/4 words
- Considering our presentation and writing cursively
- Learning a range of spelling patterns to support our spelling
- Continuing to use our phonics knowledge to spell accurately

Developing positive attitudes to reading and improving comprehension by:

- Reading a range of texts and extracts and discussing the meaning
- Expanding our vocabulary by exploring authorial intent from word usage
- Explaining our views and inference of characters and plots through clues in the text.

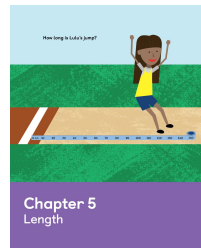
Our main texts this term are in the images.

A range of texts including extracts from stories and non fiction texts will be used in our Guided Reading lessons.



In Maths we will be developing our mathematical knowledge and skills in Year 3 by looking at:

- Formal methods of multiplication and division.
- Measuring, converting and comparing lengths using mm, cm and m.
- Looking at mass and reading weighing scales.
- Measuring capacity and writing volumes in ml, and litres.
- Adding, subtracting and counting money.
- Telling the time: measuring, comparing and converting time from minutes to hours etc..

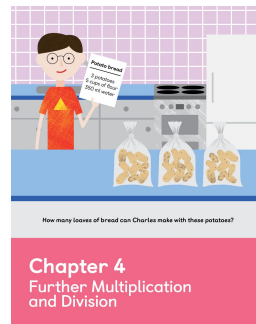


In Maths we will be developing our mathematical knowledge and skills in Year 4 by looking at:

- Expanding and building on our existing knowledge of formal methods of multiplication and division.
- Drawing, reading and interpreting different forms of graphs (pictograms, bar graphs).
- Fractions: counting in hundredths
- Fractions: finding equivalent fractions (e.g $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{10}$ or $\frac{3}{6}$ etc.)
- Fractions: writing mixed numbers (e.g $1 \frac{1}{4}$)

If you would like more information on this and how to help your child at home, please ask Ms Graystone. The best initial steps are practising Times Tables on TT Rockstars as well as seeing how quickly they can recall number bonds to 20 (e.g $17 - 4$ or $9 + 8$).

You could even ask them to tell you the time at random points of the day!



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In RE, we will be learning about:

- What does it mean to be a Hindu today?
- Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

In PE, we will be learning:

- To dance - creating short sequences to music
- Work in unison with a partner
- To move in time to music with beats and rhythm
- Create a routine around a theme and perform it to others
- In Gymnastics - to move and control my body through rolling, jumping and landing
- to create and perform a variety of shapes and moves
- After half term we will be going swimming. We walk to Bootham School for a weekly lesson.

In Computing, we will be learning about:

- Using a turtle logo programme to create shapes
- Data Logging

In PSHE, we will be learning about:

- Dreams and Goals
- A Healthy Me



In Spanish, with Mrs Lawrence, we will be learning:

- the parts of the face
- how to describe how we look
- the names of colours, and how to use them as adjectives
- the names of items in our pencil case that we need in school
- about Easter traditions in Spain

Learning at home:

Reading: Please read with your child at home 3x per week with their banded reading book and their own choice book. If you can log this (whether they've read with you, or on their own) in their reading journals. Remember, they can log it too - and they get a Class Dojo for their hard work!

Homework: Alongside reading 3x per week, please ensure TimesTable Rockstars is played again 3x weekly (even just 5 minutes at a time). If children are secure in their multiplication facts, Maths becomes a whole lot easier for them! The Year 4 assessment is in May and there are 144 facts they need to know!

Spellings: Please work with your child to learn the spelling patterns sent home. These will be tested weekly when the children write dictated sentences using these words. In your child's reading record, there are a list of common exception (tricky words), please can you help your child to read, write and spell these confidently.



As children of St Barnabas, we will be...

Remembering to follow our school rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe, and showing others how they can follow them too. We will also be aiming to show our values of Compassion, Courage and Creativity in everything we do, whilst encouraging others to do the same.

It is wonderful to work with the children and see them grow in both knowledge, skills and confidence.

They are becoming more resilient and independent and building their team working skills.

I know we say it all the time, but little and often.... Reading and timestables at home every day makes a HUGE difference to how much more the children can quickly access at school. I give Dojos to children who do homework and it all adds up to a reward time for the class for their commitment and great behaviour!

Reading Journals and our reading book bag are brilliant ways of getting involved. If your child has misplaced their reading record, school can replace it at a cost to you of just £1!

If you have any questions or have any specialist knowledge in any of our topic areas, do please let me know and we would love to have you in school as a speaker, or sharing photos. We do love an expert!

Thank you for all your support .

Ms Graystone, Miss Johnson and Miss Ross (with Mrs Murrie when she's back!)



Thank You!

