

YEAR 4

How can we explain how emotions are portrayed through sculpture?

Term 2 October – December 2023

Literacy

We are beginning this term by looking at Haiku poetry. The children will be using their imagination to create an interesting poem based on the seasons. This website can help you to begin to understand what Haiku poetry is and what the features of this type of writing are:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks1-ks2-understanding-poetry/zfvkt39>

Later in the term we will be focusing on the Anthony Browne story, *Voices in the Park*. This picture book allows us to use our inferencing skills to understand how the characters are feeling.

At home you could practise your cursive handwriting and read four times a week:

<https://handwritingpractice.net/handwriting/>

Maths

This term, we will focus on addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.

In addition and subtraction, we will be adding numbers with 4 digits and considering whether we will need to exchange. We will also be focusing on the most efficient methods to add up 2 single digit numbers to support this. In multiplication and division this term we will learn to multiply and divide by 10, 100, 1 and 0. We will also be looking at the 3, 6, 9 and 7 times table in depth. Here we will aim to have instant recall of both the multiplication and division facts. This will then enable us to go on to learn how to multiply 3 digits by 1 digit (243 x 7) after Christmas.

Please practise your times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars or use <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Physical Education

In netball, we will be developing our communication skills and tactics as well as focusing on our dance unit 'Wild Animals.' Our communication and tactics unit will be taught outside so please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing as the weather can be cold and wet. PE Kit is **white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers**. Please ensure that your child has a **black sweatshirt**. For your child's safety, earrings must be removed before any PE lesson.

Art

Art is our main topic this term. We will be studying the life of Barbara Hepworth who was a world renowned sculptor. We will then go on to consider how sculptors such as Giacometti used their work to show people's feelings and emotions before making our own sculptures from tin foil and clay. As a group we will be making sculptures that show a range of emotions and explaining how we might be affected by that emotion and how we can support others when they are feeling that way. This links to the PSHE we will be looking at this term.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-barbara-hepworth>

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/alberto-giacometti-1159/introducing-alberto-giacometti>

History

We will be studying the life of King John in History. In particular we will look at the role of the Magna Carta. Why was it brought in? What impact did it have on Britain? What were the consequences of its introduction?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zqgqtfr/revision/1>

Science

Leading on from the History, we know that King John was a very unhealthy person so we will take a look at the role of the digestive system. What does it do? What are the different parts called and what is their role in the process. We will also be looking at our teeth and the best ways to look after them.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z27kng8>

Computing

Each week we also work on e-safety, making sure we stay safe online and understand why it's important to follow e-safety rules.

PSHE / Wellbeing

This term we will be considering friendships and how we can make sure we are a kind and respectful friend. There are some useful clips and activities on:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zy77hyc>

REMINDERS AND DATES

Monday 30th October – Term 2 starts

Tuesday 31st October – Celebration Assembly at 9am

Friday 3rd November - Autumn Ball at 3pm

Friday 24th November – INSET day (school closed for all pupils)

Wednesday 20th December – Last day of Term 2

Monday 8th January - INSET day (school closed for all pupils)

Tuesday 9th January – Term 3 starts

Season Haiku

Winter is dawning -

The milk bottles are frosted;

Cars skid down the street.

Spring afternoon -

Trees are wearing their green coats;

First Ice cream van sings.

Clear summer morning -

Cats are creeping back to home;

The postman whistles.

Autumn evenings -

Streetlights blossom way up high;

Chips sizzle away.