YEAR 4

How can we explain how emotions are portrayed through sculpture?

Term 2 November – December 2026

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 multiplication and division. 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).
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 handball and hockey, we will be developing our communication skills and tactics in two differing sports. Our handball and hockey units 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

PE Days – Monday and Thursday

Monday 2nd November– Back to school after half term.
Thursday 5th November - Flu vaccinations.
Thursday 12th November – 9 – 10am - Parent pod for parents of all year groups - see poster in the office or online at: https://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/about-us/dashwood-action-committee/
Friday 13th November – Sibling photos
Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November - Parents Evening
Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day – children can wear odd socks to school in support of Anti-bullying
Monday 16th-Friday 20th November - Anti - Bullying Week.
Thursday 19th November – 4-5pm – Open evening for new Reception pupils for September 2027
Friday 27th and Monday 30th November – INSET DAY: School closed for all pupils
Thursday 10th December - Singing around the tree Year 3 and 4 concert
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December – Last day of Term 2 and Christmas Jumper/Party Dress
Monday 4th January – INSET DAY: School closed for all pupils
Tuesday 5th January - First day back after Christmas Holidays