

Year 4 Spring Term 2 – Curriculum Newsletter



A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas, Claude-Joseph Vernet, 1773.

Wider Curriculum:

This term, all Year 4 NPAT children are engaging in an exciting learning project with The National Gallery. Take One Picture is a countrywide project for primary schools which aims to inspire a lifelong love of art and learning by promoting the role of visual arts within education. We will be using a painting, which depicts a storm at sea, to deepen our skills in writing and art. We will be learning and practising some new and old skills in art and use these to create a final piece which we will display later in the year.

- In RE this term, we will be learning about the Christian Festival of Easter and The Holy Week.
- In Science, we are investigating sound. We will learn how sound is made and how the ear works. We will be using words such as 'pitch', 'volume' and 'vibrations'.
- In Computing, we will learn about data collection using technology to record and present the data.

English:

In English, we will be using the Take One Picture painting to learn how to write a critique using technical language and with an analytical perspective. We will also be continuing to improve on our writing skills when writing a story about the picture. Our grammar focus will be use of conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, commas and inverted commas.

Maths:

This term, Year 4 will be continuing their learning of multiplication and division. It is important that the children can recall their times tables facts up to 12 x 12 and know the corresponding division fact. We will be using formal written methods of multiplication and division to solve problems.

Towards the end of this term we will then transfer our knowledge of number and calculation through to learning about measures including mass, length, time, capacity, area and perimeter.

Ways to help at home:

- Listen to your child read each day. Every child takes home a reading book as well as a library book.
- Visit the local library at Weston Favell
- Help your child to learn the times tables up to their 12s. If they know them, start looking at division too.
- Support with their homework which is set on Teams every Wednesday.

Other information:

- PE will take place on a Wednesday morning this term.
- Homework is set weekly on a Wednesday and due in the following Tuesday afternoon.
- Our trip to the ThinkTank in Birmingham has been booked and can be paid via Parent Pay either in instalments or at once.