

Spring Term- People and Places (A focus on Liverpool)

Project overview: We will be spending the next term studying Liverpool and comparing it to Stoke-on-Trent and looking at the Physical and Human features there.

As Times Table Rockstars we will:

By the end of Year 4 children are expected to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 . The children should be able to recall them at speed. To help with this, children will be taking part in practise three times a week. For home learning, Times Table Rockstars is a brilliant way for children to engage with their times tables as part of a fun game. Find your child's login in their maths homework books.

As writers we will:

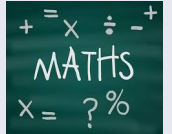
We will be focusing on stories from imaginary worlds (Lucy going through the wardrobe), persuasive writing and cinquain poems.

Throughout these units we will continue to develop our writing through the use of ambitious vocabulary, a range of punctuation/ sentence types and conjunctions.



As mathematicians we will cover:

This term we will be focusing on time, fractions, decimals and measure. We will be developing our current understanding of these topics, whilst recapping on previously taught areas such as the four operations and place value.



As scientists we will:

We will be focusing on how Liverpool has changed over time.



As geographers we will:

We will be learning about the UK, counties, cities, towns and villages. The children will learn about physical and human features of places in the UK and will compare the city of Stoke on Trent with Liverpool.



As historians we will:

We will be focusing on Sound and States of matter. We will be exploring how sounds are made, how the pitch can be changed and also the best way to muffle sounds.

We will compare and group materials according to whether they are Solids, Liquids or gases.

As artists/ designers we will:

We will be looking at cityscapes and creating our own in a collage style based on artwork created by the artist Megan Coyle. We will also be looking at different bridges and will design and create their own.



Author of the Term

The author of the term in year 4 is Jeremy Strong. The children will be reading books such as 'The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog' and 'My Brother's Famous Bottom'. Why not explore his other books- your child can bring them in to enjoy with the whole class. Please label them clearly with your child's name. Thank you.



As musicians we will:

Music is taught on a Wednesday morning by Mr. Hall. In addition to this, children can attend choir on a Wednesday lunchtime. All Key Stage 2 children are welcome to this club! There are also opportunities for children to learn the piano during an extra curricular club on a Tuesday.

As linguists we will:

We will be focusing on simple adjectives, sports and healthy/ unhealthy eating habits.

In RE / PSHE we will:

In RE we will continue to focus on different religions and their important festivals. In PSHE we will be focusing on how people work and live together.

In computing we will:

We will be focusing on coding,, the children will have the opportunity to design programs, debug and work with variables.

Homework Including Optional Homework Project Ideas

Homework Type	Given out	Handed in
Fortnightly spellings	Every other Friday	Following Thursday
Maths Book	Friday	Following Thursday
Times Table Rockstars	Set online on Friday	Completed online by Thursday
Reading	Continuous (3 times per week at least)	
Fortnightly Handwriting/ Sentence task	Every other Friday (in line with spellings)	Following Thursday

Although the topic homework has been replaced, I would still love to receive creative pieces of homework to share with the class! This could include (but is not limited to):

- Researching Liverpool and producing a visitor leaflet to advertise what it has to offer.
- Creating your own art work showing a city landscape. Be as creative as you like.
- Researching 'The Beatles' and creating a fact file showing what you have found.
- Writing a postcard from a place they have visited in the UK
- Finding recipes that have place names in them, for example: Cornish pasty etc. If you're feeling adventurous, you could try out a recipe for us to taste.

“Developing the Individual”

PE

The Year 4 children will have PE on **Wednesdays and Friday**. After half term P.E will be on a **Wednesday and Thursday**. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school. On Wednesday the children will be taught by Dan. On Thursday the children will be taught by Miss Nelson. Please ensure your child has the following P.E kit in school: Hillside hoody, a pair of plain, black jogging bottoms, outdoor trainers and their Hillside t shirt. Children should take ear-rings out before school on these days.

Educational Visits

This term, we have a trip planned to the Liverpool to support our work on comparing places. You will receive further information about this trip later this term.

Please Note: These trips are subject to change depending on price and availability.

We will also be visiting Milton Parish Church for our annual Easter service.

Other Useful Information

In year 4 the expectation is that children read at least three times per week. You must sign and date your child's diary and ensure it is in school each day. In year 4 books will be changed as they are brought in throughout the week. Please remind your child to put their book in the box or they will not be changed. Reading diaries will be checked every Monday morning. In addition to this expectation, we are continuing the 'Reading Rocket' initiative for children. Children are encouraged to read at least five times over the week **In order to develop good reading habits we are asking that children read little and often throughout the week rather than on a number of occasions during the same day.** The children must read on five separate days to be considered for the reading rocket prize. Those who achieve the reading rocket will receive a letter home, a small prize and be entered into a prize draw for a larger prize. Read Theory can go towards the five times a week up to a maximum of two times. This is an online programme that aims to improve comprehension. Find your child's login in the back of their reading diary.