

Curriculum Information Sheet Spring Term 2019-2020

Class: Humble Hippos & Respectful Rhinos

THEMES	This term our learning is based around the theme of The Modern Day World
ENGLISH	During the half term we will be studying Poems, Narrative, Biographies, Non-Chronological reports, Newspaper articles Key Books: Various biographies, Revolting Rhymes
writing	We will be using a weekly big write to work on the children's stamina and quantity of writing; writing longer, more detailed pieces whilst building on the sentence structure and grammar work they have already covered. We will look at writing biographies and reports and collating the information for this. We will be looking at Roald Dahl, identifying the story telling techniques he uses in poetry and attempting to write in this style. • Continuing to work in past tense. • Working in first and third person. • Writing poetry and looking at the rhythm and rhyme.
0	Writing factual pieces and for purpose in these pieces/
	Handwriting Increase legibility, consistency and quality of handwriting. Spelling
** ***	We will be issuing stand-alone lessons in class time to work on the children's spellings.
MATHS	Each week the children will be challenged on the key areas of Year 4 maths. The principal focus is to ensure the children become increasingly fluent with whole numbers and the four operations, including number facts and the concept of place value and also develop a problem solving attitude towards Mathematics.
*****	We will be developing their skills in decimals , and Measurement (Money) with added focus on showing and explaining how these link.
\sim	By the <u>end of year 4</u> all children are expected to know all their tables up to 12.
SCIENCE	We will be learning about <i>Circuits</i> for our half term <i>Science topic</i> . There is an emphasis on asking scientific questions, developing investigative skills and writing up investigations. For our we will be learning:
£60002	How to use electricity safely in the home.
	 How to create a circuit. How current works in parallel and series circuits
	The principal focus of science teaching in lower Key Stage 2 is to enable pupils to broaden their scientific view of the world around them. They will do this through exploring, talking about, testing, developing ideas about everyday phenomena and the relationships between living things and familiar environments. They will begin to develop their ideas about functions, relationships and interactions.
TOPIC WORK	Our Topic will be The world around us and this will look at the physical and human geography in an area and
	how it has changed over time. In History we will be learning about how the Vikings and Anglo Saxons impacted our lives today. In Geography we will be looking Our European Neighbours and how Europe has affected our lifestyle, historically. In Art we will look at Pop-Art.
	 In Design we will be looking at alarms and looking to develop our own working series circuits using bulbs, buzzers, motors and switches. In Computing we will be looking at iAnimate. Children will be tasked with making animations that change frame per frame.

Philosophy Religion and Ethics Education

Focus: Ramayana

Pupils will explore the story of the Ramayana. They will read, retell and act stories to develop a good understanding of the narrative structure and begin to identify key themes and messages of the story. They will focus particularly on:

- ·Character studies of Lord Rama, Lakshman, Hanuman, Sita Devi, Ravana and Vibhishan
- ·The Avanti Values
- Devotion
- •The freedom of choice between light and darkness
- ·Duty/Dharma

They will ask and explore questions including:

- •Why did Lord Rama's father exile him? Was this the right thing to do?
- ·Why was Ravana evil? Did he have a choice? What can we learn about our behaviour from understanding Ravana?
- ·What is the difference between a superhero and Krishna/Rama?

PERFORMING ARTS

Music

Year Four are working with a specialist teacher from Harrow Music Service to develop their musical skills. This half term we will be looking at playing the ukulele.

Drama

The Respectful Rhinos are working with performing arts company called ARTIS to developing their drama skills; this will be linked to their English work.

SANSKRIT

Reading and writing: Reading Practice and building Vocabulary

Conversation: Using third person singular verbs

and pronouns.

Story time: The first well Song/verse: Gita: 2.47

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Physical Education

I PE we will be looking at **Striking Games**. This will include how to effectively

Meditation

Meditation is practiced in the morning and half way through the day to reflect on learning.

Yoga

In Yoga the children of Year 4 will continue to learn the postures/aasnas: Trikonasana (triangle), Utkatasana (chair pose), Naukasana (boat) and Paschimotanasa (sitting hand to feet pose). Along with this they will practise sun salutations (Surya Namaskar) which have 10 postures in total.

Thank you

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