

Caroline Haslett Primary School  
Year 4 Newsletter  
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English	<p>This half term we will use <i>Thief</i> as a basis for our English work. Following a futuristic theme, the children will write a letter, dialogue and a chapter in the style of Malorie Blackman. We will focus on applying our targets of expanded noun phrases and using diagonal strokes and horizontal joins to join letters. Please encourage your child to practise joining their writing; they will be rewarded with their pen licence if successful!</p> <p>The children will have many opportunities to read, individually, in pairs and as a class. They will be encouraged to borrow books from the Library, as well as bringing their reading book home. Please continue to hear your child read daily and comment and sign in their reading log. Our focus will continue to be on vocabulary comprehension so please discuss the meanings of words with your child and ask him/her questions about what is happening and why.</p>
Maths	<p>To begin, we will continue our work on calculating perimeter. Children will find missing lengths of rectilinear shapes as well as finding the perimeter of regular and irregular polygons.</p> <p>Most of our half term will be spent working on fractions and decimals. We will think about equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, calculating fractions of a quantity and exploring fractions larger than 1. The children will learn to write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths as well as <math>\frac{1}{4}</math>, <math>\frac{1}{2}</math>, and <math>\frac{3}{4}</math>. We will explore the effect of dividing a one or two digit number by 10 and 100. Children will work on solving a range of problems involving fractions and decimals. Please continue to help your child practise and learn their times tables (including division facts). The times tables that they should be secure on now (e.g. recalling random facts within 5 seconds) are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 as well as practising the 7 times table for their weekly target tests this term. A reminder that your child should be completing a minimum of 10 garage games a week on TTRockstars. This is part of their homework and must be completed. All Y4 children will be taking part in the Government multiplication check in June.</p>
Science	<p>We will continue with our States of Matter topic and relate our knowledge of evaporation and condensation to our Geography topic - The water cycle. In our main topic this half term, we will be learning about the different parts of the digestive system and their functions. We will find out about the different types of teeth we have and how they are suited to different jobs.</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> absorb, canine, carnivore, decay, digestion, enamel, excretion, faeces, herbivore, incisor, ingested, intestines, molar, muscles, nutrition, oesophagus, omnivore, organ, plaque, premolar, process, saliva, stomach</p>
Computing	<p>During our topic on networking and the internet, the children will be learning about the history of the web, before studying HTML (hypertext mark-up language), the language in which web pages are written. They learn to edit and write HTML, and then use this knowledge to create a web page.</p>
Geography	<p>We will start this half term looking at the water cycle before moving on to our topic for this half-term which is Mountains. We will learn geographical vocabulary for different parts of a mountain, explore how contour lines work and locate mountains in Europe.</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> base, contours, face, hill, range, ridge, slope, summit.</p>
DT	<p>The children will explore superstructures and investigate different types of bridges, looking at the advantages and disadvantages of each type. They will apply their knowledge of this when designing their own bridge before making the final product from wood using a variety of different cutting and joining techniques.</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> structure, prototype, reinforce, bracket, gusset, truss</p>
PSHE	<p>"Who likes chocolate?" is our inspiration this half term. We will learn about the principles behind Fairtrade and the 'real' cost of chocolate. The children will explore the power of consumerism and advertising, understanding how we are influenced in what we buy.</p>

RE	In RE we will think about the question 'Should believers give things up?' We will learn about temptation and why Christians may choose to give something up during the period of Lent. We will learn about the bible story 'Jesus in the wilderness'.	
Music	<p>This half term, we will be 'Composing with friends'. When we are composing music together - there is a lot to remember! Music is often written based on various key signatures that guide melodies used in the music. There is often a note that sounds like 'home', or where a melody should 'land'. This is called the 'tonic pitch' or the 'home note' and makes a melody or a song sound final - like it has been resolved. We will practise listening, singing, and playing instruments to explore this important note in music.</p> <p>Murrey class will be continuing to learn to play a brass instrument this term and Joules will be learning to play the recorder.</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> Tempo, pulse, key signature, time signature, rhythmic pattern, melodic pattern</p>	
French	<p>In French, our topic is Pocket Money. We will learn the French words for some toys and then learn how to say what we like and what we don't like in full sentences.</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> la peluche - cuddly toy, la poupée - doll, la console - games console, la voiture - car, le vélo - bike, le skate - skateboard, le ballon - football, C'est combien? - How much is it? J'aime - I like, Je n'aime pas- I don't like. J'adore - I love, Je déteste - I hate, C'est super : it's superb, C'est magnifique : it's magnificent, C'est fantastique : it's fantastic, C'est génial : it's awesome, C'est hyper-cool : it's super cool, C'est nul : it's boring</p>	
PE/Games	Murrey: Monday and Friday	Joules: Monday and Friday
Diary Dates	<p>29th February Wellbeing cafe  7th March World Book day  7th March Reading meeting 6:00  14th March Movies and Munchies  21st March Wellbeing cafe  22nd March Easter Bingo  26th March Parents evening (virtual)  27th March Parents evening (virtual)  28th March End of term School closes 1:00</p>	

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