




Year Four Newsletter: Spring 2 2020

Musical Mayhem

Our Learning Theme			
Welcome back. We hope you had a good break and are refreshed and ready for the exciting half term ahead. Our topic this half term is Musical Mayhem. We will be exploring the science of sound and music, how music and musical instruments have evolved over time and finding out about the amazing people who have shaped the world of music. If you are linked to the world of music in any way and would like to share your knowledge and expertise with us, please get in touch with Miss Jacklin or Mrs Weldon.		Important Dates: Friday 6th March – World Book Day Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March - Parent Consultations Friday 27th March – Musical Mayhem Celebration Assembly	
Homework		Learning Log	
Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every fortnight in the form of a Learn by Heart Target (the current targets are due to be returned by Wednesday 26th February). We would appreciate any help you could give your child in becoming confident and fluent in their maths and spelling targets. Please could you also help your child with learning the facts and vocabulary on their Musical Mayhem knowledge organiser ready for quizzing later in the half term.	A Learning Log activity has been sent home for your child to complete over this half term and should be returned to school by Monday 23rd March . Children will be encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our exciting musical theme.		
	PE Days Wednesday – Indoor –Dance Friday – Outdoor - Cricket Please continue to come to school in your PE kit on these days. Remember school colours only and warm PE kit for outdoor PE please.		
Curriculum			
English		Maths	
Our musical theme will play a major part in our English lessons. The children will be exploring song lyrics and looking at the ways poetic features and descriptive language are used to engage the listener. The children will also be using song lyrics as a focus for comprehension and word and sentence structure analysis.	In maths, we will be concentrating on fractions for the first part of the half term. We will explore equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and solving problems. Towards the end of this half term we will move on to working with decimal numbers of up to two decimal places	In Science we will be exploring sound. The children will learn about how sounds are made, how we hear sounds, what happens to sound as it travels and how sound can be changed. The children will have the opportunity to investigate how different instruments make sound before creating their own instruments from household junk. Prepare for raids on your recycling bin!!	
History		Art/DT	
In history and music, we will: ❖ develop an understanding of the history of music. ❖ note key changes over a period of time and be able to give reasons for those changes ❖ explain how people and events in the past have influenced life today	Our art and design lessons will explore the Cubism art movement and the works of Picasso. Artwork will continue the musical theme through exploration of Picasso's Three Musicians and observational drawings of musical instruments.	We will be linking our computing sessions to our musical topic through the creation of polyphonic music using Garage Band and online music creation tools.	
Other		Year Four Team	
The children will continue with ukulele lessons on alternate Friday afternoons. In RE and PHSE we will be learning about feelings and emotions, the purpose of Lent and the Easter story.		Our learning team remains largely unchanged next half term however, Mr Matthews, our trainee teacher, will be moving to the upper phase.	