STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

YEAR 4 – Summer 2

Maths

This half term, we will continue our learning about decimals including partition and ordering. We will also learn about money including how to convert between pounds and pence and solve problems involving money.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to practice their times tables daily and calculate money in real life situations.

English

We will be writing a non-chronological report and a poem for performance using the film 'A Bug's Life' as our stimulus. We will also write a diary entry in the role of James from the story 'James and the Giant Peach'. Reading will continue to be taught daily, focusing on comprehension.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to read and practice their spellings daily.

Computing

This term we will be writing for different audiences, we will learn that technology can be used to organise, reorganise, develop and explore ideas, and that working with information in this way can aid understanding. We will discuss our experiences of using IT and how it is used in the wider world. We will then apply what we have learnt when identifying key points in a story, writing accounts in which details of character and action are used to interest the reader and using evidence and examples to support key points.

Science

This half term, we will be learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will learn about different ways to group and classify living things and identify vertebrates by observing their differences and similarities. We will use keys and tables to present our findings. We will use our local area to explore different habitats and will investigate the impact of environmental changes.

PE

Ben Nevis continue Swimming and Snowdon will be taught Athletics. In Swimming, children will continue to develop front crawl and backstroke technique, building stamina and water confidence. In Athletics, the children will work on sprinting, relay, long jump and throwing for distance. It is a wonderfully varied half term that challenges your child both in and out of the water.

Dance

During dance this term, we will be continuing to develop a mix of movement, creativity, performance and teamwork skills. We will be working on our co-ordination and the control of our bodies through movement. We will be learning how to sequence and repeat moves at various levels and speeds using all elements of our bodies.

Geography

We will be exploring settlements. We will investigate why settlements develop in certain locations and we will use our map skills to identify different settlements. We will then make comparisons between past and present-day settlements.

Art / DT

In DT, we will be constructing our own kites. We will investigate and analyse a range of existing kites and will consider their shape and structure. After this, we will plan and make our own kites using a variety of joining skills. Finally, we will use our kites and evaluate our work.

PSHE

We will be exploring the topic of 'Safety and the changing body' This will focus on understanding age restriction, internet safety, understanding first aid and recognising the risks of smoking. We will also be teaching our RSE lessons where we are learning about our bodies.

Music

In music this term, we will learn about the shape of melody, which notes work and where the notes sound better. We will be exploring rhythm and tempo and how these vary with different pieces of music. After the tune has been composed using the computer, we will learn to play it on the recorder. Our chosen melody remains as 'Mamma Mia'.

French

We will be learning about hobbies, holidays and time. This includes topics such as seasons, weather, holidays, sports and hobbies. We will also be learning to tell the time in French. We will learn key vocabulary connected to each topic through a range of activities, role play and fun games.