

Heber Primary School Curriculum Overview Year 4

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are excited for the new year ahead. We have another fantastic term of learning planned for your child, please read on to find out more:

Our Topic

This Spring, we are going to learn all about Modern Europe. This topic will have a heavy geography focus however we will look at the history behind the eruption of Vesuvius during the Roman era in Italy. We are very lucky to have a number of families from other European countries at our school, so please let us know if you can help out with any specialist knowledge.

PE

We have two sessions of P.E a week and it is vital the children have their P.E kit in school. As we do P.E inside and outside the children need to have: a plain white t-shirt (or a Heber fun run t-shirt), dark shorts, a pair of dark tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Year 4 do PE on the following days. Please ensure that your child has their complete kit at school and only ever wears stud earrings so that they can participate.

- 4N: Indoor Monday, Outdoor Friday
- 4C: Outdoor Monday, Indoor Friday

Library Days

Children are welcome to bring in books from home to read, or select from the book corners in our classrooms. We also visit the school library once a week on the following days:

4C: Thursdays 4N: Fridays

Please ensure all library books are returned and are carefully looked after.

Home Learning

Each week we will provide your child with a maths fluency task that they will need to complete. This will be linked to their times tables or a written method we have been doing in class. The children should also be using *Mathletics*—we will set a weekly task for them to complete—and *Times Tables Rockstars*.

Alongside the Maths home learning, there is also weekly spellings for your child to learn and this is accompanied by *Spelling Shed* homework.

One of the most important things you can do to support your child is to read with them daily. We will provide a book suitable for their level if needed. We will be checking your child's yellow guided reading record regularly, please ensure that your child updates their reading record so we know how they are doing.

Can You Help?

We are always looking for extra help. If you could spare an hour a week to read 1:1 with some children or have a specialism or skill you would be keen to share, please let your class teacher know.

Diary Dates

Thursday 13th January 2021: Immersion Day

Tuesday 8th February – Safer Internet Day

Monday 14th – Friday 19th February – Half Term

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Tuesday 29th – Thursday 31st March – Parents' Evenings

Friday 1st April – Last day of Term

Further Information

Please ensure your child is in the **correct school uniform daily**. This includes black shoes or trainers and a school jumper or cardigan. Please see the website for further details. If you would like more information about our curriculum, school routines, how you can support your child's learning at home, how we support children with additional needs, policies and procedures or if you would like to talk about how your child is getting on please see us at the end of the school day or leave a message in the school office.

Website: www.heberprimaryschool.com

Twitter: [@heberschool](https://twitter.com/heberschool)

Immersion Day

Thursday 13th January 2022

Children will learn about countries across Europe in an engaging and hands-on way! No costumes are needed!

PSHE

Valuing Differences (Spring 1) and **Rights and Responsibilities** (Spring 2). We will learn the importance of finding solutions and negotiating with others as well as respecting each other's differences.

Science

States of Matter:

Develop and showcase an understanding of all areas of states of matter, including how materials can change from one state to another, through a large range of simple practical enquiries.

Electricity

We will learn how electricity can help us, how to construct simple circuits, how to identify circuits which work, how switches control circuits and which materials are good electrical conductors.

Religious Education

Easter and its importance to Christians will be the focus in R.E. this term. We will investigate what it is and how it is celebrated. We will also explore how Easter is celebrated in the United Kingdom, making comparisons

English

Flotsam: A wordless text encouraging powerful language choices. Children will write their own narratives.

Cinnamon: a fable set in India written by award winning writer Neil Gaiman. This is a fantastic book to teach the children inference skills. Children will write their own story in a similar style.

Escape from Pompeii: children will learn more about the eruption of Vesuvius through this exciting text and will write their own stories with action, suspense and drama.

Mathematics

- Number - Multiplication and Division
- Measurement - Area
- Number - Fractions
- Number- Decimals

Children will also be consolidating their times-tables in their weekly fluency lessons (all times tables up to 12x)

Physical Education

The focus will be on the physical and creative skills necessary for sport. There will also be work on the agility and balance through dance and gymnastic activities. There will be an emphasis on showing patience, listening carefully and explaining your ideas thoughtfully.

Geography

Children will compare different regions in Europe comparing physical features and land use. Children will have the opportunity to choose a region or country to research in more detail.

What Makes Living in Europe Special?

Art and Design

Drawing inspiration from the English texts this term, the children will develop ideas surrounding mechanical and robotic worlds with that which is more human. They will look at the close relationship between music, mood and art and will work 3-Dimensionally.

History

In line with our topic all about Modern Europe, the Year 4 children will examine the volcanoes of Italy and learn about the eruption of Mt Vesuvius in 79AD by studying historical sources from the time. We will also look at other significant events in European history.

Spanish

Revision of days of week, foods and numbers.
Learning months, animals and numbers up to 200.
Spanish learnt through music and videos.

Music

Music and art – the whole class will create a soundscape to the image of Edvard Munch's "The Scream". Individual children will explain simple music they compose to represent a picture they are given.

Computing

Data Handling: Investigating Weather

Digital Citizenship & IT: How the Internet works

Researching and storing data using spreadsheets and creating our own weather forecasts using a green screen.

Educational Visits/Visitors

Currently, due to Covid restrictions, we are considering our school trip for this term. Watch out for news of enrichment opportunities as the term progresses.