



# SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Year 4 Newsletter - Term 2

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### The **BIG** question...

## What Makes Me Unique?

### Welcome to Term 2!

Welcome to another term of learning in Year 4! We hope to build on the fantastic start that students have made in term 1 and continue to develop their enthusiasm for learning. By now, students are all very familiar with the rainbow rules and core values and have been making great choices inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you for all your continued support.  
Mrs. Baird, Ms. Chevis, Ms. Newman

### English

In English this term we will be writing a historical narrative based on our history topic, a diary entry based on a Christmas advert and look at writing our own poems. We will explore the features of each genre before drafting and writing our own. In spelling we are going to look at a range of suffixes (parts at the end of a word eg **-dom** freedom, stardom, boredom).

### Maths

In Maths we will be looking at length and perimeter, multiplication and division. We will revise last term's learning by adding and subtracting lengths, as well as finding the perimeter of a variety of different shapes. Later in the term we will explore multiplying and dividing by different amounts such as 6, 7, 8 and 9. We will also continue to develop fluency in recalling times tables.

### Science

This term the children will be learning about electricity. They will be able to identify common appliances that run on electricity. Children will be able to construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. They will also explore and recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.

### History

During history lessons, children will continue their learning about prehistoric times and the periods of the Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will discuss how people's lives have changed in that time. They will also create timelines to show the periods from the Stone Age to Iron Age.

### Religious Education

In RE students will be learning about the teachings of Jesus and why some people find him inspirational. They will discuss the idea of being an inspiration and look at the different messages in his teachings.

### Physical Education

Year 4 students will continue to be very active this term. They will continue gymnastics, developing their understanding of how to form bridges. During outdoor sessions we will be developing their throwing and catching skills in basketball.

### Computing

In Term 2, students will develop their coding skills through the program Scratch. Students will continue to develop their knowledge of writing code and by the end of the term they will have been successful in coding a game of their own design.

### Spanish (MFL)

This term students will revisit Spanish and learn how to present themselves to others. They will learn key phrases to describe themselves and how they feel. They will practice having informal conversations with each other and learn how to respond to questions about themselves.

## Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

During PSHE, students will be learning to celebrate differences. They will discuss important concepts such as accepting themselves and others, understanding bullying and peer-pressure, and how to solve social problems.

## Design and Technology

The students of 4C are study D&T this term. During this time, they will be busy analysing and evaluating wallets and money containers. They will discuss how they are made and use their analysis to inspire their own creations. By the end of the term, students will have their own unique and creative wallet that they have designed and made.

## Art

The students of 4B and 4N are doing art this term. 4B will be studying the impressionists and their techniques and the effect of light and shade on subject matter. They will use sketchbooks to record their knowledge and plan art works. They will then transfer this to create their own versions of Monet, Seurat and Cezanne masterpieces, but with a twist!

4N will be studying colour theory. They will learn how to use contrasting, analogous and monochromatic colours and use a variety of media such as paint, oil pastels, coloured paper and even fabric! Art works will be planned in their sketchbooks. Artist study include Matisse and Jim Dine.

## Speaking and Listening (talking points for you and your child at home)

- Why should we learn about the past? How does that help us understand who we are?
- What makes you unique? What adjectives would you use to describe yourself?
- What are your strengths?
- What do you enjoy doing in your free time? What three things are you grateful for?
- Remembrance Sunday - why do we remember?
- Anti-Bullying Week

## Recommended Reading for this term

- Stig of the Dump by Clive King
- The Boy Who Grew Flowers by Jennifer Wojtowicz
- Not All Princesses Dress in Pink by Jane Yolen
- Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio



These books are on order and will be available to borrow shortly from your child's classroom library.

## Reminders and Important Dates

- [South Borough Primary School Dates Ahead 2021-2022 \(Version 1\)](#)
- 11th November 2021 - Year 4 Parent Workshop - Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) 9:10am - 10am (in school) and 4pm virtual event.
- 18th November 2021 - Educational Visit to Kent Life Stone Age Day.

## Home Learning



Google Classroom



Mathletics



Lexia



TT Rockstars