YEAR 4 CURRICULUM BULLETIN

AUTUMN 1

THIS HALF-TERM

Welcome to the start of an exciting year at Salusbury Primary School. We hope you all had a restful summer holiday and are ready to dive into the new term. We have so much wonderful learning planned and many interesting topics to cover this half term.

Please ensure that your child is reading and practising their times tables every evening. This will have a great impact on their progress and support them for the multiplcation check at the end of Year 4.

Should you have any concerns or wish to speak to us about your child's progress, please feel free to arrange an appointment. We are available to talk before and after school on most days.

We will be welcoming you all on Thursday 17th September for the Meet the Teacher Open Morning in classrooms. We look forward to working with you and your child.

Year 4 Team

IMPORTANT DATES

Meet the Teacher: Thursday 17th September
International Evening: Thursday 1st October
Roots & Rhythm: Friday 16th October
Parents Evening: Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd October

Class Assemblies: Prompt start at 9.05am
Obsidian: Friday 9th October
Opal: Thursday 15th October
Onyx: Friday 23rd October

WAYS TO HELP AT HOME

- Encourage daily reading of various materials, including fiction and non-fiction, and discuss what your child has read to enhance comprehension and critical thinking.
- Support maths learning by using real-life activities like cooking or shopping to practice times tables, fractions, and mental maths.
- Foster scientific curiosity through simple experiments at home, such as growing plants or exploring circuits, and use educational videos to explore topics like space and the human body.
- Develop writing skills by encouraging journaling or story writing and expand their vocabulary through word games.
- Explore history and geography by visiting museums, historical sites, and using maps or online tools to learn about key topics in the curriculum.

ENGLISH

As writers, we will be exploring texts in detail and looking at how we can develop our writing skills. Our focus text will be Kensuke's Kingdom, however, there are several other fiction and non-fiction texts that we will study as well.

Children will develop their ability to write Character Descriptions and a non-fiction piece linked to our humanities topics.

MATHS

As Mathematicians, we will continue to develop the mental strategies we use to calculate problems quickly. While learning about Place Value, we will continue to use dienes, Place Value charts and counters to develop our understanding of Thousands, Hundreds, Tens and Ones. We will also develop our use of number by working with and discussing word problems.

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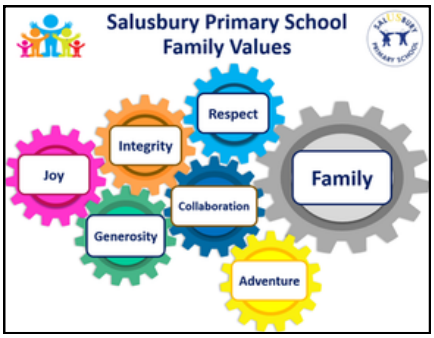
PSHE AND RE

In RE, our key question will be 'What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?'

In PSHE, we will be thinking about Being Me In My World, with key focus themes of Kindness, Friendship, Happiness, and Emotions.



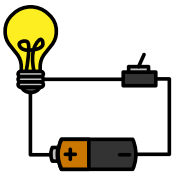
This half-term's value is ADVENTURE!

SCIENCE

As Scientists, we will focus on electrical devices and how to be safe when using electricity.

In addition, we will look at what is needed to make components work and what materials are suitable for circuits.

Children have a great time constructing simple series circuits, identifying and naming the parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches, buzzers and motors



SPANISH

This term, children will explore how Romans lived, learning to name and describe everyday Roman life and objects, give simple opinions and create a museum exhibit in Spanish.

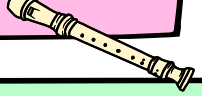
COMPUTING

Themes will include: Exploring websites, Sharing information, Can I believe what I read online?

ART AND MUSIC

In Art, children will review colour theory, and learning about the Surrealism movement with Miss G. This will include creating works of art inspired by Salvador Dali using mixed media.

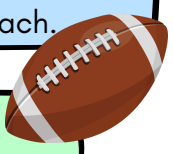
In Music, we will be enjoying Music's Cool lessons with Ms Krisztina, continuing to learn the recorder. We will be focusing on learning new notes and playing new tunes.



PE

Opal: NFL Flag Football
Obsidian: New Age Kurling
Onyx: Fencing

These will be rotated over the coming terms so that each class will have a half term of each.



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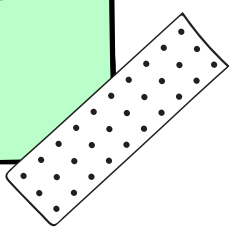
In History, children will start to learn about the Romans, finding out about the beginnings of Rome as a republic, how it was formed and who was in charge.
In Geography, we will focus on the Rhine and the Mediterranean. We will build on their knowledge of rivers from last year to delve deeper into this particular case study.