



KNAPHILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome to Year 4

Autumn Term 2019

*Would you rather live in Britain or
Africa?*



English

As well as using a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to increase their knowledge about Africa, the main texts this term will be ‘The Butterfly Lion,’ by Michael Morpurgo and the stories of Anansi. The children will have the opportunity to write formal letters, setting descriptions and stories.

Maths

During the start of the Autumn Term, the children will be exploring the place value of 3-digit numbers including counting in multiples of different numbers, ordering and comparing numbers and solving number and practical problems. After half term, the children will be measuring and calculating the perimeter of different shapes as well as focusing on improving their multiplication and division skills.

Science

The Science area of focus for the first half term will be animals (including humans) in which the children will study the process of digestion as well as being able to identify the different types and functions of teeth. They will also create a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. After half term, the children will be focusing on states of matter and start to compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.

R.E.

The children will begin the term by examining the Jewish faith, including exploring the importance of a synagogue. After half term, the children will look at why Christians call God, ‘Father,’ and how artists can help us to understand the celebration of Christmas.

Computing

At the start of the term, the children will begin by exploring programming software and will learn to make shapes and navigate mazes. After half term, they will learn how to search, retrieve and store images, text and clips and produce their own information leaflets using Microsoft Publisher.

Geography

The children will use atlases to locate the countries of Africa. They will learn about the different climate zones and biomes and then learn about the human and physical features of the continent.

History

We will learn about Nelson Mandela and why he is well-known.

Art and DT

The children will study traditional African masks and learn about the meaning of different designs and patterns. They will then design and make their own mask using papier-mâché.

Music

The children will learn some traditional African call and response songs. They will also be learning more about the band, Ladysmith Black Mambazo.

PE and Games

As part of their indoor P.E. unit, the children will be exploring African tribal dance and how to create different balances both individually and as a group. During outdoor games sessions, the children will take part in OAA activities as well as being taught a range of football skills and techniques.

PSHE

The whole school theme this term is relationships. Year 4 will focus on: peer pressure, personal space, saying no, team work, marriage, emotions, secrets and differences. In addition to this, children will create a class charter and reflect on and celebrate their achievements as well as electing a class member for the school's pupil parliament.

French

In French, the children will learn the names of different colours and also how to name and identify the different parts of the body in French. They will also explore the verb, 'être (to be)' and learn how to use it in different contexts.

Home Learning

English: Details to follow

Maths: Set on Wednesday, please hand in on Friday

Times tables: Target times table to be practised regularly at home.

Topic: Details to follow

Spellings: handed out on a Monday and tested the following Monday

Important Year 4 Dates for the Term

Parents' Evening	Tuesday 22nd October 3.30-6pm
Parents' Evening	Thursday 24th October 5:30-8pm
Africa Dress Up Day	Thursday 7th November
Year 4 Water Aid Charity Event	Thursday 21st November 2-3pm
4E Class Assembly	Friday 29th November

PE lessons will take place on the following days for each class:

4E – Tuesday and Thursday

4A – Tuesday and Wednesday

4B – Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school on those days.

Further diary dates and information about our curriculum can be found on our school website:

<https://knaphill.surrey.sch.uk/>

We are all excited about our new topic and can't wait to get started this term!

We would like to thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Mrs Evans, Mr Alderton and Mrs Barrett