

Cheddington Combined School

Year Four

Mrs Rushton

Outline of the Spring term curriculum 2022



Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you back and wish you a happy new year! I would like to assure that during these difficult times the safety and well-being of your child will be my priority and I trust if you have any problems or concerns that you will contact me.

- English- this term the class will be reading 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,' which will be our stimulus when writing to entertain. We will also be writing persuasive letters, kenning poem and a recount based on our history learning.
- Mathematics- the children will continue to develop their mathematical skills and knowledge in all areas. We will be focusing on multiplication, fractions, decimals and area. Please ensure that your children practise their times tables.
- Science- the children will learn about living things and their habitats; this will include classification in various ways. Later in the term, we will learn more about 'Animals including Humans' which will look at the digestive system and teeth.
- Art- the children will be designing and making a 3D shoe. Later in the term, the children will respond to the work of Georgia O'Keefe and J.M.W. Turner and experiment painting within these styles.
- Design Technology- the children will investigate a range of pencil cases and will use a range of sewing skills to create their own pencil case, which will include embellishments.
- French- the children will continue to expand their knowledge of family, numbers, ways of travelling and associated verbs.
- History- the children will be learning about the Roman Period in Britain. We will focus on Boudicca's rebellion and the Roman Legacy.

- Geography- our topic is Rainforests. The children will focus on locating and understanding the different layers of the rainforest. We will develop our understanding of why rainforests are so important and how they are being destroyed.
- IT- the children will continue develop their coding skills and they will develop an understanding as to how data and information can be stored.
- Music- this term, the children will explore and develop their playing skills using the glockenspiel, as well as writing lyrics linked to the theme of bullying.
- PHSE- we will look at how to keep safe and discuss friendships and relationships, particularly those online. We will also discuss what it means to be a part of a community and how to take care of money.
- RE- we will be looking at symbolism in Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.
- Our library slot is on a Tuesday and books should be returned into a classroom tray on that day.
- PE- will be on Friday. The children will continue to develop their physical skills. We will be creating a dance to Sapo Cai by Carlinhos Brown and Mikael Mutti. We will also be swimming in the second half of the term.

Please ensure that the children have their correct PE kit with them all week, this should include red shorts, house colour polo shirt, trainers and a tracksuit which should ideally be black, navy or dark green. Girls should have long hair tied back and earrings needs to be taken out or covered with tape or plasters. No jewellery is permitted in school except for a watch and plain stud ear-rings.

Homework

- Children will be given spellings to learn which will be tested weekly on a Friday. You can access the spelling lists on the VLE. Please practise these at home.
- To practise their times tables, please use the times table book. Children should spend 5 minutes a day of spellings or times tables, 5 times a week.
- Children should read to an adult at least 3 times a week for about 10 minutes.
- Details of specific homework tasks relating to English and Mathematics will be written in homework diaries. Longer projects linked to topics will also be set. Homework will be set on Friday and due on Wednesday. Copies of the homework details will also be available on the VLE.

Other ways you can support your child:

- Please ensure that your child's belongings are labelled.
- Ensure that your child has their correct equipment in school; water bottle, pens, pencils, ruler, dictionary, reading book, homework diary, PE kit.
- Any monies brought into school at any time should be in a named envelope, clearly labelled.
- Please support and encourage your child with their homework and sign the diary once it has been completed.
- Listen to your child read at least 3 x weekly and test them on their spellings. Question your child on books that they are reading to check their comprehension of the text.
- Please also use the homework diary as a means of communication with us; any questions and concerns can be answered in this way.