



Fairview Community Primary School

Termly Newsletter

Year 4 - Term 5

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Welcome back for the start of Term 5! From all of us on the Year 4 team, we hope you had a lovely Easter Break!

This term, we are excited to be starting our Geography topic, centred on the Alps. This will lead into answering our critical question **'What is life like in the Alps?'** Below, you will find an overview of our curriculum and what we will be learning in each subject this term. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher. We would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with your child's learning.

Mr Lewis, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Costen

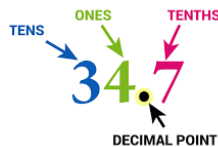
English

Our English work centres around a book by Neil Gaiman called Cinnamon which is about a young girl in India with pearls for eyes. Our work over the term will lead to us writing a narrative. Our new class novel is 'Podkin one-ear'.



Maths

Our focus this term is on decimals. As we are moving towards the later part of the year, we will also be mixing in quite a bit of revision into our maths lessons too in order to ensure the children are retaining as much as possible from the Year 4 curriculum.



Science



We will be finishing our 'Animals including Humans' which involves learning about food chains and webs. After this, we will be completing some learning about animal classification.

Geography

Our focus in Geography this term is 'What is life like in the Alps?'. The unit will focus on identifying the location of the Alps and what countries it spreads through. A closer look will be on the human and physical characteristics of the Alps whilst we will also be looking at what life is like there and comparing it to our local area.



Computing

Our focus this term will be working on Artificial Intelligence which is all around us and in the news on an almost daily basis. This unit introduces children to the concept of artificial intelligence, focuses on how it is used in our lives, looks at the future of AI and finally, considers the role of Artificial Intelligence in creativity.

Art

In art this term we will be investigating how fabric and wallpaper designers use nature as an influence, creating our own designs and developing repeating patterns. We will look closely at the work of William Morris for inspiration.



RE

This term, we will be learning about another part of the Jewish faith and asking 'What is the best way for a Jewish person to show a commitment to God?'



PE

This term, Dolphins will be continuing to swim whilst still having one PE lesson in school. Stingrays and Turtles will be completing lessons in both cricket and athletics this term, hoping to get outside as much as possible.



PSHE

Our topic this term is Friendship. We will be discussing the ideas behind friendship and how friends make us feel whilst recognising the features that make people 'good friends'.



Otters PE	Odd weeks – Thursday & Friday	Even weeks – Tuesday & Friday
Turtles PE	Odd Weeks – Tuesday & Thursday	Even Weeks – Tuesday & Thursday
Dolphins PE	Odd Weeks – Wednesday & Thursday	Even Weeks – Wednesday and Thursday

MTC PREP SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

GARAGE
(mins per week)
21

21 minutes a week is the magic number for achieving top MTC scores.

OCTOBER

GARAGE
(mins per week)
21

AUTUMN OUMTC*

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

GARAGE
(mins per week)
21

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

SOUNDCHECK
(games per week)
3

GARAGE
(mins per week)
18

SPRING OUMTC*

MARCH

SOUNDCHECK
(games per week)
5

GARAGE
(mins per week)
16

APRIL

SOUNDCHECK
(games per week)
3

STUDIO
(games per week)
3

GARAGE
(mins per week)
15

MAY

SOUNDCHECK
(games per week)
6

STUDIO
(games per week)
15

SUMMER OUMTC*

JUNE

SOUNDCHECK
(games per week)
21

*The OUMTC is our own mini MTC and it is in semi test conditions. It will give you a good idea of how your students will perform on the real thing. Take part in three OUMTCs throughout the year to give you a baseline, benchmark and time to respond to the results

Home Learning

- Spellings – Spelling home learning continues to be set each week on EdShed. Please talk about the rules we are covering and the meanings of the words.
- Reading – To encourage reading for pleasure and to support their progress, we ask that the children read as regularly as possible, ideally daily. Please ensure your child records every time they read in their reading record and that an adult sign it off. Reading records continue to be checked on a regular basis in class.
- Maths – Our main focus in term 5 will be times tables in preparation for the MTC (multiplication tables check).

Home learning continues to be an important way of supporting your children's progress and we would like to thank you for your continued support – it makes a huge difference and has a positive impact on your child's learning. If you have any questions regarding home learning, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help! ☺



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OUR CURRICULUM



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