



Term: Spring Term

What are we learning in Year 4?

Reading



In reading we are learning to:

- Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
- Discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, nonfiction and reference books
- Understand what they read, in books they can read independently, by identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning
- Read books that are structured in different ways and read for a range of purposes

Writing



In writing we are learning to:

- Utilise key skills such as:
- Place the possessive apostrophe accurately
 - Spell further homophones
 - Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting
 - Plan their writing by discussing and recording ideas
 - Draft and write by organizing paragraphs around a theme
 - Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
 - Draft and write by using simple organisational devices in non-narrative material

Maths



In maths we are learning to:

- Solve number and practical problems that involve rounding, ordering and exploring negative numbers and with increasingly large positive numbers
- Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers
- Recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths
- Convert between different units of measure
- Identify acute and obtuse angles and compare and order angles up to two right angles by size
- Solve comparison, sum and difference problems using information presented in bar charts, pictograms, tables and other graphs

Science: Sound and Living things and their habitats



The children will be introduced to some of the basic physical phenomena of sound. They will explore how sound is caused by an object vibrating rapidly and the qualities of sound such as pitch and intensity.

The children will recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. They will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things. They will recognise that environments can change.



History: The Stuarts and The English Civil War



The children will explore the reign of the Stuarts which saw the union of the crowns of England and Scotland and the growth of trade and global exploration. They will explore the Gunpowder Plot and the origins of the Civil War.

They will explore how Charles I's belief in the Divine Right of Kings would eventually cost him his crown and his head! The children will learn how the causes of the Civil War were connected by religion and politics.



Geography: Russia and The Local Area

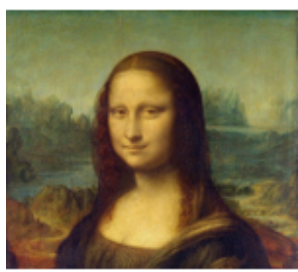


The children will learn about Russia's diverse ecosystems (biomes) and landscapes. They will explore its high level of ecological and landscape variation. They will explore the ways in which the different biomes interact with other aspects of geography, such as the climate.

Children will explore their local area and explore how it has developed over time. They will develop their understanding of aerial photography and plan views, whilst developing their geographical skills through fieldwork.



Art: Light and Elements of Design



The children will explore how light is used by artists to focus our attention and create mood. Light in art includes using actual light through the lighting of artwork as well as using implied light to create the illusion in 2d work.

The children will explore the principles of design that refer to the manner in which the elements of art are arranged in a work of art. The principles of art mostly deal with the organisation of a work of art that influence the composition.



R.E: The Hajj & The Ummah

The children will explore how Muslims follow Islamic traditions and the teachings of Allah. They will explore how Muslims go on a pilgrimage to Mecca. They will also look at different celebrations such as Id ul Adha at the end of the Hajj. Children will explore The Ummah - the world family of Muslims, the spread of Islam and its multicultural nature. They will learn about how Muslim families and communities practise their faith, and the contributions this makes to local life.

Music:

All the learning is focused around two songs: Stop! and Lean on Me. The children will continue to build upon their previous learning on how to listen with understanding and direction. They will recognise styles of music and their style indicators. They will apply the interrelated dimensions of music and use the correct musical vocabulary linked to the songs and general musical vocabulary correctly.

P.E:

- Dance
- Dance (extend)
- TAG Rugby
- Hockey

PSHCE:

- Democracy: Part 1
- Mediation: Resolving Conflict
- Inspiring Stories: Young Fundraisers and Campaigners
- The Right to Education

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MASON MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Assembly Themes:

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Spring 1

- Week 1: Welcome Back and Mason Moor Values
- Week 2: Harvest and Thanksgiving
- Week 3: Chinese New Year - 2023 Year of Rabbit
- Week 4: Introduction - Diversity Month
- Week 5: British Values - Tolerance
- Week 6: Children's Mental Health Week & International Day of Women in Science

Spring 2

- Week 1: Stand up to Bullying 2023
- Week 2: British Values - Respect
- Week 3: Mason Moor Value - Nurture
- Week 4: Holi - Festival of spring, love and new life.
- Week 5: Women's History Month
- Week 6: British Science Week

School Council:

The School Council meet with the Parental Engagement Leader and have various focus points of discussion throughout the term.

The school council and Eco Committee will focus on our Green Flag initiative and will look at:

- Health and Safety around the school.
- The Fundraising Committee will be raising funds for Children in Need.
- The Enjoy and Achieve Committee will be speaking to their peers and find out about what children enjoy in school.

Mason Moor Musuem

Once each term parents and carers are invited into school to see a showcase of our pupils' learning.

Mason Moor School Hall is converted into an exhibition space and pupils will submit learning from their termly project.

Pupils win prizes for exhibition entries!

Clubs available:

All of our clubs are provided free of charge and change termly:

- Football
- Creative Arts
- Homework Club
- Ball Games
- Gardening Club
- Painting Club
- ICT Club
- Calligraphy
- Choir
- School Orchestra

In addition, each term children get selected to represent the school in local sporting competitions. These events will be organised by the PE team.

Year Group and Class Performances

A class performance, showcasing the pupils' learning and understanding takes place annually.

Class teachers will write to you to let you know. Please also keep an eye on the weekly newsletter.

Parental Engagement:

Workshops and other events:

Information sessions for parents/carers:

1. Phonics workshop
2. Google Expeditions - St Mary's Curriculum
3. Maths workshop
4. Reading Open Morning
5. Parents Evening
6. Head Teacher Coffee Mornings
7. Parent and Toddler Groups
8. Parent Gym

Mason Moor Community Events

This is an opportunity for parents to join their children in a school event and celebrate British Values and Diversity.

- Valentines Disco
- Parent & Carer Classes

Homework:

Each week:

- Phonics - practice and learn
- Reading book change - linked to their book band/phonics
- Either Literacy or Maths

Each half term:

- A project activity linked to: Science, History, Geography, Computing or Art & Design