



Summer 2019 1st Half Term – Year 4

Welcome Back! We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter Holidays and are looking forward to your child's final term at Hilltop. We have lots to look forward to as we start this busy term. Our new topic for the Summer Term is called '**Fire it Up.**' During this topic, we will be looking at topics such as Stone Age Britain and Electricity. If the children have anything they would like to bring in to support this area of learning, please speak with your child's class teacher. This term we welcome Mrs Hughes to Ocean class. She will be replacing Miss Fancy who is working in Meadow until the end of the year.

Now the Year 4s know what middle school they are attending, we are starting to liaise with them to ensure a smooth and robust transition will take place.

Class PE days are as follows:

Ocean- Tuesday and Thursday

Secret Garden- Monday and Thursday

English

- ★ In our **writing**, we will be looking at **poetry**. This will include both performing and writing different styles of poems such as **rhyming couplets, kennings and narrative poetry**. The focus will be on using **syllables and rhythm, alliteration and onomatopoeia**
- ★ Our **SPaG** skills this term will be focusing on **verb inflections (They was were getting ready for school).** **Noun phrases (That new pink bike is mine.** 'Bike' is the noun and the other words which describe the bike make up the noun phrase) & **prepositional phrases (He hid beneath the duvet).**
- ★ We will continue to be using the *Cracking Comprehension Reading* programme each week to discuss and analyse different texts. The children will learn inference and deduction skills as well as developing their vocabulary.
- ★ **Spellings** will continue as before and work on a bi-weekly basis.

Maths

- ★ **Money** – Our new topic in mathematics will be money, where children will learn to convert between pounds and pence, and apply their place value knowledge solve word based problems using the four operations ($= - \times \div$).

Jill spends £2 and 76 p on a cake in the shop.



She pays with a £5 note. How much change does she get?

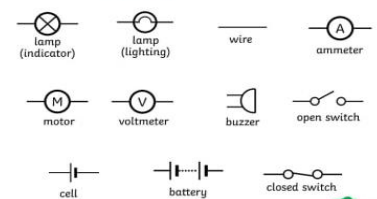
- ★ **Times Tables** – By the end of Year, we hope all children will be able to confidently recall the all times tables up to 12. We will continue to do a weekly times tables quiz in class to encourage the children to identify which tables they need to practice.

Experienceology

Our new topic is called '**Fire It Up!**' and we will be exploring electricity and the Stone Age. We hope to do lots of outdoor learning where children will be doing orienteering around the school.

- ★ In **Art & DT**, children will be designing, creating and then evaluating their own Stone Age sculptures using clay, based on existing landmarks, such as Stone-Henge.
- ★ In **Science**, we will be learning about electricity and how to make working circuits using switches, lights and buzzers. Children will then use these skills to create their own working quiz game.

Electrical Circuit Symbols



Reminders for this half term

- ★ **Science Museum Trip – Tuesday 7th May.** We are all so excited for our trip! Please make sure you have paid on SchoolGateway, and spoken to your child's class teacher if you are able to help.
- ★ **Grown-Ups in Golden Time – Friday 17th May**
- ★ **Sharing Assembly (Parents Welcome) – Ocean: 2nd May** **Secret Garden: 9th May**
- ★ **Summer Book Fair – 7th-14th May.** More information to follow.
- ★ **Year 4 Residential after half term** – please look out next week for a letter about an important information meeting.

Mr Morgan, Miss Khaliq and Mrs Hughes ☺