

Stow Heath Primary School—Year 4 Summer Term Newsletter

Reading

This term our reading focus will be:

- Stories with a familiar setting—Gangsta Granny
- Persuasive writing—Should the school have a zoo?
- Chronological report based on The Great Fire of London

During story time and reading for pleasure pupils will be exposed to a range of stories, non-fiction texts and poetry.



How to help your child with their **reading** at home:

- Listen to your child read their home reading book (and other books!) as often as possible. Remember, practise makes perfect!
- Encourage your child to read each day.
- Practise reading & spelling Year 3 & 4 common Exception Words
- Encourage your child to read different types of texts including newspapers, comics, magazines catalogues, instructions etc.

Writing

This term our writing focus will be:

- Stories with a familiar setting
- Persuasive writing
- Chronological report
- Leaflets



How to help your child with their **writing** at home:

- Encourage your child to complete set homework each week.
- Support your child to help them to learn their spellings. Spellings go home on a Friday. Their spelling test is on the following Friday.
- Please encourage your child to log onto Purple Mash to complete the quiz to help to spell the words.

Numeracy

This term our numeracy focus will be:

- Fractions
- Decimals
- Money
- Time
- Shape
- Statistics
- Position and direction



How to help your child with their **maths** at home:

- Encourage your child to complete set homework each week.
- Encourage your child to go onto TT Rock Stars. This will help them improve their times tables and division facts—www.ttrockstars.com
- Encourage your children to practise the times tables that they find tricky.
- In Year 4 the children need to learn all times tables

Reminders:

PE days Tuesday and Friday.

Spelling test will be on a Friday.

Key dates:

Inset Days in 2024—
 Friday 24th May 2024
 Monday 22nd July 2024
 Bank holidays—6/4/24
 Half term holiday—
 Monday 27th May— Friday 31st May 2024
 Break up for Summer—
 Friday 19th July 2024

Science 1

Pupils will learn about Animals: Classification and changing habitats.

RE

Pupils will study inspirational people and visit to places of worship



Music

Pupils will learn about Western Pop music—The Beatles and looking in the history and language of music



PE

Pupils will focus on Tag Rugby, Gymnastics, Athletics and Tennis.



Shine like a Star

Our Topic this term is:

London

History

In this unit pupils will learn about significant turning points in British History – The Plague and The Great Fire of London.



Geography

In this unit pupils will visit our capital city – London! They will develop their place knowledge and geographical skills and fieldwork.



DT

In this unit pupils will use inspiration from observing various iconic old building in London to design and make their own building with a moving pulley mechanism pulley. Pupils may also use the skills that they have previously learnt e.g cutting, shaping, joining, finishing and their knowledge on strengthening and reinforcing structures.



Art

In this unit pupils will explore the artist Rembrandt. They will experiment with drawing perspective



Science 2

Pupils will be learning about Making connections: How does the flow of liquids compare?

PSHE

Pupils will focus on the themes 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'.



ICT

Pupils will learn about animation, effective searching, making music and being hardware investigators.



MFL (KS2)

Pupils will learn about ordering food at a café, habitats and the story of Goldilocks in Spanish.



Literacy

Research the positive and negative impacts of zoos in preparation for our unit on persuasive writing.

Homework Activities for Spring

Choose at least one activity to do each week.

Bring it in to school so we can celebrate your learning whilst at home.

Maths

Practise your 36 times tables facts.

RE

Find a picture of and draw a religious building.

Geography

Research and find out about landmarks in London.

History

Can you find out how The Plague and The Great Fire of London started? Record your findings on a timeline.

PSHE

Create a poster to show what makes a good friend.

Music

Listen to songs by The Beatles. Which is your favourite? Why?

Art

Research the artist Rembrandt. What type of art did he create?

ICT

Complete the Logo quiz 4.5

PE

Write out a set of rules explaining how to play Tag Rugby.

DT

Can you make a model of London landmark?

Science

Can you find out what vertebrates and invertebrates are?

MFL (KS2)

Draw objects you would find in a café and label them.