

Bell Farm Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2017



Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,
The children have made a very positive start to the new academic year and are already working hard. We are all looking forward to a very successful 2017/18. So far this term we have started reading My Friend Walter in English and have been getting to know the main characters. We have also enjoyed embedding and extending our understanding of the number system, in preparation for working on the four operations. In Art, Year 4 have been learning about Tudor art and are looking forward to our Hampton Court trip where we will see examples of the real thing! We will also be holding auditions for the Christmas show, at which Year 4 will have a vital role in supporting Year 5!
Thank you in anticipation of your support.
From Mrs Stevenson and Miss Heatley.

What we're learning this term:

English: We are currently reading My Friend Walter. The focus this term will be on writing cursorily, describing characters and settings using expanded noun phrases, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Maths: Developing greater understanding of the number system and using all four number operations for calculations.

Science: Focus on a Tudor scientist; teeth.

Art/DT: Tudor portraits and making cushions.

RE: Christian perspective of God, Judaism and synagogues, preparing for Christmas.

Coming up soon!

- Hampton Court trip:
Hawthorn class - 17th Oct
Willow class - 18th Oct
- Parents Consultation evenings:
18th and 19th Oct
- Christmas show - watch this space!

UNCRC - What are we focusing on?

A key part to the daily life for Bell Farm is the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). In year 4 we are focusing on respecting everyone's rights but especially focusing on Article 13 - that children have the right to express their opinions freely and respecting others opinions. We will be doing this through our Philosophy sessions and PSHE. The children will be encouraged to listen to, build upon or constructively contradict each other's viewpoints.

Bell Farm Values

This month's value is Respect so we have been listening to assemblies about it and really thinking about what we can do to show this value.

The other values for this term are happiness, unity and love and humility. We hope the children are talking to you about these values at home.