



## KS2 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 4

Summer 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term: April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We hope you have had a restful spring break. We are very much looking forward to our final term of the year, which, despite all 'the new norms' will be full packed with fun, engaging and challenging activities for the children. Despite the restrictions and continued hygiene measures, the children will continue to receive a full curriculum coverage of learning.

The table below provides a brief overview of the learning opportunities that the children will have across all subjects this half term.

Subjects	Focus of Learning
English	We begin this half term by looking at the text 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura – this will link in to our history focus for this term. The children will be asking and answering questions, using thesauruses, debating and writing their own stories. Later in the half term we will focus on a visual text from The Literacy Shed, entitled 'The Lighthouse'. We will be creating storyboards, developing our knowledge of using inverted commas and writing letters linked to the text. Our spelling focus will continue to be key words and also using pre-fixes. We will continue to have weekly handwriting and grammar focus sessions.
Reading	This half term we continue with our daily independent reading as well as exploring our focus texts as a whole class. Children will carry out weekly verbal and written comprehension activities and will continue to use Accelerated Reader to take independent reading quizzes. We will also be having some fun with 'echo reading' and develop our knowledge of key elements of reciprocal reading, this will help children to look at, and better understand different strands of reading.
Maths	As always, we continue with our weekly arithmetic and times tables focus session, please do continue to encourage and support the development of quick-recall times tables at home – regular practise in short session is invaluable. Our other key focus areas in Maths for Summer 1 will be; reading, writing and comparing 4 and 5 digit numbers, negative numbers, further development on our understanding of decimal numbers, vertical method multiplication, Roman numerals, area and perimeter, consolidation of shape knowledge and decimal/fraction equivalents.
Science	In this module children will build on their understanding of hearing, which was covered in Year 1 during work around the senses. They will develop their vocabulary for describing sounds and identify different sound sources. They will learn that sounds are made by something vibrating and that these vibrations travel through a medium to the ear so that we hear them. They will learn that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. They will explore ways to change the pitch and volume of sounds.
R.E.	In RE this half term we will be thinking once again about Judaism. We will focus on the question: How special is the relationship Jews have with God? We will be telling and recalling stories, discussing the agreements that Jewish people make with God and why these are important. We will explore some of the ways Jewish people express their special relationship with God and start to understand how that might feel. Children will make links between the Abraham and Moses stories and Jewish beliefs. Finally, we will consider the challenges of living up to an agreement or covenant with God.

Computing	We will continue to use Purple Mash this half term, to further develop our understanding of spreadsheets and how we can use them in different ways. We will use the formula wizard for formatting cells and look at budgeting. Later in the half term we will do some consolidation and further learning on e-safety; looking at phishing, malware and healthy screen time.
History	In History we will be linking in to our initial English text and finding out about life in The Stone, Bronze and Iron Age. We will think about the term 'prehistory' and find out how hunter gatherers survived. We will look at Stone Age cave art and think about what sources tell us about The Stone Age. We will be asking, 'what was Skara Brae?' This is an extended topic which will continue after the half term, through the whole summer term.
PHSCE	This half term our focus topic is 'relationships' – we will consolidate previous work and create relationship webs. We will then move on to think about love, loss and memories. During the topic we look at relationships with other people and also pets; we think about how and why animals are special.
Art	Impressionism is our art unit for this half term. We will think about what the word means and who were the great impressionists from the past. We will focus on the Water Lilies paintings by Claude Monet and create some artwork of our own. We will also be linking this work to our 2 <sup>nd</sup> focus text 'The Lighthouse'.
P.E.	This half term will certainly be a busy one, as well as continuing to have our usual coached PE sessions with Mr Kerr each week, we will also be finding time for some dance! Yes, it's May Day time again and despite a number of Covid related difficulties, the show will go on and the children will learn and present their May Day dances and songs (albeit in a different format this year).

**Other useful things to remember:**

- Please continue to encourage your child to **read regularly**. It is really helpful if you can take some time to read with your child and ask questions about what they have read. This will help to support their developing comprehension skills. It is also beneficial to read aloud to your children.
- You should have login details for the following: **RM easimaths; TT Rockstars; Oddizzi** Geography please do continue to use these great resources.
- Please visit your child's **Class Page**, on our School Website, for further resources and **useful web links**.
- The current crisis continues to be one of uncertainty and difficulty for so many people. Please visit our Wellbeing page on our School Website for useful links and resources related to children's mental health and wellbeing.  
[St Mary's Church of England Primary School | Well-being \(stmarysen4-barnet.co.uk\)](http://stmarysen4-barnet.co.uk)

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. If you have any questions or concerns, please drop us a note via our School Office email.

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