

MTP Curriculum Notes

Year 4 – Spring 2017

ENGLISH: This term the boys will be learning about instructional, persuasive and factual texts. We will revisit poetry writing and develop our descriptive language. Our focus will be on redrafting and editing our own work. In reading, the boys will continue to develop their reading comprehension skills through in depth discussions and written exercises. This term's class reading book is 'The Midnight Fox' by Betsy Byars.

MATHEMATICS: Our focus for this term will be on tables, bar graphs and line graphs, fractions and using the bar model drawing to solve word problems relating to fractions. We will also be learning about angles. We will continue to focus on mental maths skills to reinforce addition subtraction, multiplication and division facts.

SCIENCE: This term the boys will be learning about teeth and how digestion works in the body. We will also learn about sound and hearing.

I.T: In ICT this term, the boys will use Comic strip software to create a comic book about Vikings. They will also use photo editing software to edit some images.

GEOGRAPHY: This term we will be concentrating on developing mapping skills and learning how to use grid references, directions, scale and symbols.

HISTORY: This term we begin work on our new topic, 'The Vikings' which will include both raiders and settlers. We have organised a Viking workshop, which will take place on Wednesday 8th March. We will also work on using sources of evidence to support historical arguments, and on producing creative responses to the past.

FRENCH: In French, the boys will be studying the topics of the classroom, sport and colours.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES: As part of a wider study of world religions, this term's focus is on Judaism.

CLASSICS: The boys will continue to learn about Roman Britain and improve their understanding of the origin of some English words through the Latin language course, *Minimus*.

ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: The boys will spend the first half of term glazing their Aztec clay pots. The boys will learn colour theory and glazing techniques. After half term, we will begin our design technology module to research, design and create our own desk clocks using woodworking skills and hand tools.

MUSIC: This term the boys will be focusing on listening to and appreciating different styles of musical genre. Using the BBC 10 Pieces the boys will reflect on what they have heard and bring their own ideas and musical understanding to composition work.

DRAMA: This term the boys will continue to rehearse for the school production of 'Daniel – a Hard Act to Follow' to be performed in The Lalani New Barn Theatre this February. After half-term, we will be exploring the physical life of characters in 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' as well as practising recitals for the Beale Clear Speaking Poetry Competition.

P.E. & GAMES: In this terms P.E. the boys will have the opportunity to develop their Basketball skills and knowledge of the game. In Games, this term the boys will be developing their football skills. They will learn how to improve passing, sending and receiving skills whilst travelling with the ball. The pupils will also be given the opportunity to improve their concept of 'possession' in the game situation. We will also focus on the role of fitness and sports performance.

Important Note: Students will need to bring football boots AND astro-trainers to each Games session. Hat, gloves and a towel will also be required for each session.