

Writing

Narrative - Using 'Feast' to inspire our own adventure story writing.

Non-fiction – Writing a biography about a famous person of our choosing.

Essay writing - Over the next six History lessons, pupils will learn all about the Roman Empire Pupils will finish the unit by writing their own essay, allowing them to apply the knowledge that they have gained.



Maths

Place value - Read, identify, write, order and compare numbers to at least 10,000, round numbers, interpret number lines and partition numbers to support with mental strategies.

Addition and Subtraction - Add and subtract numbers with up to 4-digits using formal written methods, estimate and use inverse to check calculations, solve problems and reasoning.

Geography

Rivers -

Where are the world's rivers? How do rivers shape the land? How are valleys and spurs formed? How are meanders and oxbow lakes formed? Why are rivers important to people? What happens when a river floods?

Reading

Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit. The eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD destroyed Pompeii but some people must have survived. Taking this historical event as the starting point, this story tells of Tranio and Livia who witness the destruction of their beloved city.

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Fred and a group of children crash land in the Amazon rainforest and have to find their way out!

We will also study a selection of parallel texts to support our reading.



YEAR 4

AUTUMN TERM 1



Music

This half-term we are composing our own music to accompany a computer game. We will be creating our compositions on Chrome Music Lab.

French

Presenting myself

We will be exploring greetings and how to ask and answer the following: How are you? What is your name? How old are you? Where do you live?

PSHE

Being me in my world

We will be exploring the roles we play as citizens in our class teams, Meon Junior, our local community and our world.

RE

Concept: Good and Evil

Focus: Divali

Science

Phases of Matter

We will be exploring materials and classifying them as solids, liquids and gases by identifying their different properties. Children will investigate heating and cooling and the changes of state including with regards to the water cycle. We will work on ways of working scientifically including taking accurate measurements, asking questions and making predictions.

PE

REAL PE – our PE days are alternate Tuesdays and every Fridays.

This half-term we are doing gymnastics and a Real PE unit exploring our personal skills and sportsmanship.

Things to explore with your child!

Welcome to Year 4!

We are thrilled to have our children back to school this Autumn Term. We have many exciting things planned for the year ahead and can't wait to get started. Please speak with your child's class teacher if you have any questions or worries. Catch us at the end of the day or drop us an email at

year4@meonjuniorschool.org.uk.

Thank you, from Team Year 4

Maths:

Whilst at home, please encourage children to use their maths skills: Counting money, measuring, recognising shapes, angles or fractions and telling the time will all help them to consolidate the skills taught in lessons.

In the Summer Term, Year 4 will be formally assessed on their Times Table recall. We will be practising regularly in school, but please take time to practise at home too - their group leader will give them a timetable to focus on.

Home Reading:

Your child must be reading at home on a regular basis (4 times a week). This can be reading independently, to an adult or sibling, or being read to. **When you read with your child, please note it in their reading record, which should be brought to school every day to log reading with an adult in school. It will be checked on Fridays with homework.**

We are lucky enough to have a beautiful library where your children can access a variety of books. This is also open at the end of the day. Your child's reading level will be shared with you as soon as possible and remember to use Accelerated Reader to quiz your books - the link can be found on the school website.

Events and Trips:

We are very pleased to announce that Year 4 will be visiting Chichester Harbour to undertake some geography fieldwork this half term. More details to follow but they will need suitable outdoor wear including a pair of high **wellies** for wading in the river!!

Monday 16th September - 4WB
Friday 20th September - 4C
Friday 27th September - 4B

Our PE days are alternate Tuesdays and every Friday but please always have your kit in school just in case!

Weekly Homework:

Homework will be provided on **Friday** and is due back the following **Friday** and gone through briefly in class. A paper copy will be provided but it can also be shared online if requested.

Homework will include a maths and an English task, timetable practice and reading practice.

School website:

There is a whole list of useful links on the school website which can be found at:

www.meonjuniorschool.org.uk/learn-with-us/links-for-learning/

Termly Home Learning:

Please find attached a range of home learning projects for your child to choose from.

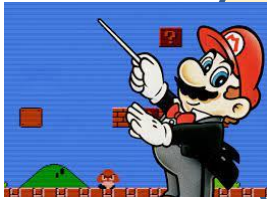
These are due by **15th October** so we can share them in class and celebrate their hard work.

HOME LEARNING PROJECT IDEAS

In RE we will be studying Divali. Food is very important during the festival. Try baking your own cake (or cupcakes) and create Diya icing designs on top. We love edible homework! No nuts, please.



In Music, we are creating our own music for a video game. Why don't you spend some time looking at music that is used in video game- you could use a double bubble map to compare different pieces. You could also have a go at composing your own on Chrome Music lab at home.



Escape from Pompeii is based around the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. Find out more about the volcano which once buried the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.



We will be looking at Rivers this half term. Please use this as a theme to present some of your learning so far. Ideas include: a 3D model with labels, a flow map to show the erosion processes, a story written about a river. Get creative.



Solids, liquids and gases: Conduct your own experiments at home to explore some of the ways matter can change state. Take photos to share your experiments! Alternatively make a model to explain the water cycle

