

Barnham Broom C of E VA Primary School Curriculum Planning



English

Non-fiction: creating our own information safari park information guides (based on our topic). We be looking at features of information texts and using these as a platform to help construct our own.

Fiction: traditional stories from West Africa. We will be reading and understanding a range of stories, using them for a stimulus for writing and as a starting point for learning about oral storytelling techniques. By the end of the half term, we will have created our own mythical story and used story telling techniques to perform it.

- **Handwriting** – using horizontal and diagonal strokes to join letters.
- **Guided Reading** – focusing on the comprehension of a variety of texts; answering literal, inferential and evaluative questions.
- **Spellings** – once a week with changing themes.

Science

Changing Materials

Linking with the materials used to create traditional art in West Africa, we will be looking at how clay, wax and metal react to changes in temperatures.

Electricity

We will be constructing, designing and drawing our own circuits. Investigating what happens when we add/change different components in a circuit. Exploring different insulators and conductors in a circuit.

Maths

- Addition and subtraction, involving decimals.
- Time – calculating time intervals.
- Conversions – imperial and metric units.
- Multiplication and division – decimals and remainders.
- Fractions – subtracting fractions, ordering fractions, converting mixed and improper fractions, finding fractions of amounts.

Class 4

Theme: Awesome Ancients

Term: November – December 2016

Computing

Computing skills continued to be developed with Mrs Hedges.

Music

- Music for Christmas-listening to and preparing a musical item.

History

The Benin Kingdom

- Exploring the ancient civilisation of Benin.
- Understanding how we know about the past due to a variety of sources
- Investigating the expansion and dissolution of the empire

Art

3D modelling skills – creating faces, figures and scenes inspired by the art of Ancient Benin.

Spanish

Where we live – places and directions.

RE

Inspiration and influence – how does Jesus inspire Christians today?

How does the message of Christmas inspire Christians?

PE

- Premier Sports
- Games with Mrs O'Grady

PSHE

- Using our previous English topic (The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe) to carry on developing the concept of community. The focus will be on positive values and characteristics drawn out from the story.

CLASS 4 Homework

This half term's spellings:

Week 1 – Words with -fer

Week 2 – Words using hyphens

Week 3 – Words the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c

Week 4 – Words containing -ough

Week 5 – Words with silent letters

Week 6 – Homophones

Week 7 – Homophones

Spelling Ideas:

- Create mnemonics for the words that we are learning to spell in our spelling test.
- Using some of our spelling words put them into an exciting sentence!
- Create a page of English definitions, just like in a dictionary. Look up more technical vocabulary for English – there will be loads of new words for you to find out the meaning of! For example: auxiliary verb, intransitive verb etc.
- Write 5 tongue twisters using words from our spellings!

English ideas:

- Create your own information guide on a subject of your choice – remember all of the features that it will need!
- Choose your favourite traditional West African story and retell this in your own words (Miss Bugg has examples of these!)
- Retell a traditional West African story in a comic strip.
- Create an information guide about the Benin Kingdom.

Maths ideas:

- Log onto mathletics – see if you can earn a bronze, silver or even gold certificate! (Let Miss Bugg know and it can be printed out!)
- Use a bus timetable to calculate time intervals from one destination to another.
- Choose 10 items from the kitchen and convert their weight from metric to imperial.
- Create a fractions wall.

TOPIC IDEAS:

- Create an historical timeline, including the ancient kingdom of Benin.
- Create a fact file on Benin history highlighting the key events.
- Create your own Benin plaque, explaining what the story is about.
- Design your own Benin inspired mask.
- Write a paragraph in the life of a child living in Benin.

Awesome Ancients

**Homework books due in:
Wednesday 7th December**

Science ideas:

- Write a set of instructions on how to make a working electrical circuit. Be creative! For example, you could use bullet points in the shape of light bulbs. Add a 'Troubleshooting' section for things that might go wrong with the circuit.
- Design an electricity-themed board game. Be as creative as you wish, but it must use the proper electrical symbols.
- Take photographs/draw of electrical appliances in your home and make an electricity-themed collage.
- Make a cartoon strip about electrical safety.
- Design a poster promoting the benefits of electricity in our society.

DON'T FANCY MUCH OF THE ABOVE?

- Create a newspaper article on something that has happened to you recently.
- Can you design a front cover and write a blurb on a book of your choice or a book you have invented!
- Write a biography of a person you are interested in. For example, it could be a footballer or singer.