

Important dates and Celebrations:

Saturday 12th June – Queen's Birthday
Sunday 20th June – Father's Day
Monday 21st June – June Solstice
Tuesday 22nd June – Windrush Day
Thursday 24th June – St John the Baptist Day
Sunday 18th July – Tisha B'Av (Jewish)
Tuesday 20th July – Eid-ul Adha (Muslim)
Friday 23rd July – End of term



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

RISE UP



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have arrived at the last half term of Year 4 and hopefully the exquisite climate we are having is setting down deep roots! In keeping with the sunshine, our learning this half term focusses on waterfront regions. We will find out about the strange skull that showed up on Beachy Head, getting known as the Beachy Head Lady. We will become history specialists, who investigate the reality behind this secretive riddle; and geographers who discover the features of coastal areas. We are extremely proud of the progress the children have made and the resilience they have displayed during this tempestuous time! Lastly, we would also like to thank you for your continuous support in helping us to successfully complete our learning journey.

Many thanks,
Miss Kaur and Miss Dorothy.

Summer 2 2021

RISE UP

Maths

Our learning will begin by ensuring we are secure with our knowledge of how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes, an important life skill. We will also be practising our multiplication and division strategies so they are secure and ready for Year 5. We will recap our place value, ensuring we can accurately read, order, compare and partition numbers up to 1000. We will be rehearsing our times tables daily, up to 12 x 12.

Writing

Our writing pieces will link to our topic of 'Found at Beachy Head'. We will begin by looking at poetry – how the author creates emotion and imagery through language. We will then write an exciting story about a journey from sub-Saharan Africa to Beachy Head! Our knowledge of Beachy Head in History will allow us to write biographies about the Beachy Head Lady, to inform others about her exciting adventures. Our writing will recap our grammatical features taught throughout Year 4, always ensuring we have a clear purpose and audience.

Computing

We will take on the role of meteorologists, looking at different weather patterns using interactive software, and video equipment to share the weather forecast for the week ahead!

Reading

Our reading lessons will continue to provide children with the opportunity to read with their partner, independently and practise key skills. We will focus on answering all parts of the question, and being specific with our answers. We will use our strong retrieval and inferencing skills and use evidence from the text to support our answers. We will also practise summarising sections of text using our acronym SUM (Shorter version, Use your own words, Main idea).

Science

Continuing with our theme of 'Found at Beachy Head', we will learn about rocks, soils, fossils and habitats with a focus 'on the coast'. We will explore different rocks and soils and then look in more depth at plants and animals living in a coastal habitat.

Music

This half term Year 4 will be getting ready for their summer performance. They will also be learning about the orchestra and how important teamwork is to performing great music.

Religious Education

Our Big Question is "Why is liturgy so important to Christians?" Through each lesson's question, we will delve into how the service that takes place during Christian worship, and consider how each element impacts a Christian's life. Based on this, we will then create our own service, taking into account our own beliefs.

We are reading:

Our class reader is "Street Child" by Berlie Doherty, continuing our exciting work from last half term about Olive Malvery. When we have finished this text, we will move onto "Dead Man's Cove" by Lauren St John.

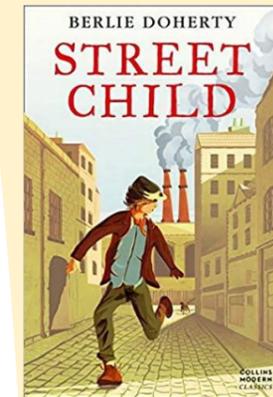
This half term in Year 4...

History and Geography

We will be uncovering the truth behind the Beachy Head Lady! We will dig up the past to find out who she was and where she came from, linking back to our previous History learning about the Romans. In Geography, we will explore our coastlines, notably the habitats and geography of the British Coast. We will use maps and Google Earth to support our learning.

Art

Our DT will focus on planning and creating a healthy picnic for a beach. Unfortunately, we will not be able to go to the beach to enjoy it, but hopefully the weather will be warm enough for an outdoor picnic!



Just a
reminder...

Can you please check your child's clothes regularly to ensure they are labelled so they are easily identifiable.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E. kit on **Monday and Thursday** for their lesson.