John F. Kennedy Primary School



Year Four Spring One 2024

Class Novels

Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo

A Series of Unfortunate Events (The Bad Beginning) by Lemony Snicket





Weekly Notices

Swimming Lessons—Monday
(4BK—9:00am and 4AF 10:45am)
Spellings and Times Tables Quiz—Monday
PE Lessons—Friday afternoon
Forest School—Tuesday afternoon

Parents and Families

School Returns for Spring One Term: Monday 8th January
Staff Training Day: Friday 26th January
Multiplication Check Parents meeting: Monday 29th January
Parents Evening: Monday 12th February
Parents Evening: Wednesday 14th February

English

- **Narrative Recounts**
- Narratives: Alternative endings and Sequels
- Non-Chronological Reports

English Basic Skills

- Fronted adverbials with a comma
- Punctuating speech
- Varying verbs for said to add character
- Possessive apostrophes-singular and plural
- Homophones and near homophones
- Using alternative and nouns and pronouns

Maths

- Calculation: addition and subtraction
- Geometry: properties of shapes
- Measurement: area and perimeter including measuring and calculating in cm and m
- Calculation: fractions including decimals

Maths Basic Skills

- Counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a fourdigit number (thousands, hundreds, tens and ones).
- Find 1000 more or less than a given number.
- Order and compare numbers beyond 1000.
- Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.

Science

- **States of Matter**
- Children will be introduced to the different states of matter (solid, liquid and gas). Through investigations and experimentation, children will learn how the particles in the different states are organised, move and what happens when they are changed. By looking at water, they will investigate how each stage is reversible and the impact it has on the world through the water cycle.



- **Vikings**
- Through historical questioning, the children will explore how Vikings came to Britain through raids and eventually invasion. They will study the resistance from Alfred the Great and the emergence of Danelaw and Danegeld.







Coding

Children will be taught the how to code using online software including using repeat and forever if commands to create an animation and a quiz.

Art and Design

Barbour

In this topic, the children will study a well-known local designer, J. Barbour. They will analyse and evaluate the brand and products considering how it has changed over time to reflect the market, before creating their own prototype jacket.

Music

Stop

Through studying this rap and the genre's history, children will learn about composing, singing, rapping and rhythm. They will select a topic and a song structure, creating their own lyrics before eventually performing.



P.E.

Sports Hall Athletics

In this PE hockey unit, children will learn about a range of athletic sports that are a part of Sports Hall athletics. They will develop their running, jumping, throwing and catching skills by recording results and increasing control and coordination.

