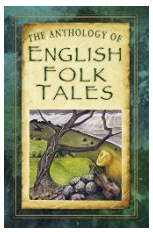
Nacton C of E Primary School

Half Termly Newsletter

Year 3 and Year 4 – Spring 2 2025

Dear families,
Despite the cold, we hope you had an enjoyable break and at least Spring is just around the corner!
Please find an overview of our curriculum for the 2nd half of the Spring term including the areas of learning we will be focusing on in each subject.
As ever, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.
Mrs Henderson & Mrs Pearce

English



This half term, we will be exploring a number of Folk Tales from around the UK – some not too far from home!
We will be looking at Folk Tales as both an oral tradition and as written retellings.
Developing vocabulary and comprehension skills will continue to be a focus in reading and in writing we will continue to build on using different sentence structures and paragraphing through various pieces of work including our own 'retelling' of a story and learning to write an informal letter linked to our geography.

Maths

Our maths units of work this term will cover **fractions**; using the correct mathematical vocabulary, comparing and ordering fractions, looking at equivalent fractions, learning how to add and subtract fractions and **mass and capacity**; measuring in grams, kilograms, millilitres, litres, comparing and adding and subtracting amounts.

Science

In Science, the children will explore the Human skeleton by identifying and naming bones. We will also look at the function of the skeleton and the jobs of specific bones. The children will learn that a joint is where 2 or more bones connect and how muscles are attached to bones. We will also explore Nutrition and diet. The children will learn about a variety of human diets and how to sort food into 5 groups. We will look at how humans need to eat a healthy balanced diet to maintain good health.

Geography

Our unit of work in geography this half term is 'Around the UK.' We will be using maps to learn about the geography of Britain and locate different counties and cities with a particular focus on Suffolk.
We will also be looking at the physical and human features of our county and comparing these with other counties around the UK.

Computing

In Computing, we will explore repetition in programming games. The children will learn to modify existing animations and games using repetition. Their final project is to design and create a game which uses repetition, applying stages of programming design throughout.

DT

In DT this half term, we will be designing, making and evaluating our own kites.
We will look at a range of different styles of kites, learn the parts of a kite, learn and use tools such as hacksaws to cut and create a frame and then shape and decorate our creations before testing them on an appropriately 'breezy' day!

Religious Education

We will be exploring the question - What do Christians mean when they talk about the Kingdom of God?

Physical Education

We will continue to go swimming at Fore Street Pool as part of our PE.

PSHE

Our PSHE unit of work this half term is Economic Wellbeing.
The children will learn about the value of money and the

	In addition, we will be completing Outdoor Adventurous activities where the children will develop problem solving skills through a range of team challenges. The children will work on their navigation skills including orientating a map, identifying key symbols and drawing/following a route.	importance of keeping track of spending. They will also learn about the positive and negative factors that can influence people's career choices.
Music In Music, we will look at the Japanese springtime festival of Hanami, which celebrates the fleeting beauty of spring flowers. The children will use descriptive vocabulary to create a Haiku, put it to music and finally add percussion sound effects to bring all elements together before a final, group performance.	French Children will continue with the topic Le pique-nique ending with writing their own version in French of the Very Hungry Caterpillar.	

Important dates:	Home learning expectations:
Thursday 6th March - World book day Friday 28th March – Premier enrichment day Friday 28th March – Open Classrooms Friday 4th April – Easter service at St Martin's Church.	**We will continue to use the new times table system we have been trialling on a Wednesday morning to support the learning of multiplication tables. Your child will have the times table/s they are working on recorded weekly in their Reading Record along with their weekly spelling test score.** Please ensure your child is reading their age appropriate reading book at least 4 times a week, and that they bring their Reading Record to school daily as they may read with an adult. They will also be collected in every Monday. Your child will have weekly spellings which will be stuck into their Reading Record on a Friday. They will also be asked to complete 15 minutes of TT Rockstars a week. This half term, we will be asking the children to complete a presentation task instead of the 'Takeaway Homework Menu'. Further details will follow on this. We may also send out an additional piece of Maths or English to support what we are focusing on in class.