

**Peace Perfect Peace** –the children will be learning about peace and reconciliation. They will be using their local environment to support their learning. They will be reading and creating stories and poetry and creating a 'peace' symbol.

**Production** - This term our Year 3 and 4 children will be rehearsing hard for their production "Porridge", ready to dazzle you in March.

**Science** – Our topic **Myself and other animals** theme is mainly focused around Science. The children will be learning about food groups and healthy balanced diets. They will study the human digestive system and how food is transported around the body. They will compare diets of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and investigate teeth and what causes decay. Finally they will look closely at food chains/webs.



Cubbington CE Primary School  
Year 4 - Spring Term 2018  
**Myself and other animals**  
**Peace Perfect Peace**  
**Year 3/4 Production**

**PE** – This Half Term PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Next Half Term it will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Please can children bring warm clothes for outdoor PE.

**Rugby** (coached by the WASPs); **Yoga** (led by Element Yoga) and **Cricket** (coaching part of the Chance to Shine initiative)

**Bikeability** – 16.3.18 (information to follow)

### **RE**

Buddhism- What is it like to be a Buddhist in Britain?

Christianity - Is forgiveness always possible?

### **PSHE**

Getting on and falling out  
Taking Care – Healthy Eating

### **Computing and DT**

We are musicians!

Creating models of the human Digestive System using papier mache and teeth using plasticine.

### **Music**

Stop! - A rap/song about bullying.  
Porridge production

### **French**

This term we will be focusing on parts of the body, colours, clothes and actions.

### **Other information**

Young Carers' Awareness Day – 25.1.18

Camping 2018 Meeting – 30.1.18

Visit to Cubbington Mill Care Home – 1.2.18

Sharing Assembly – 2.2.18

Y3/4 Production – 20 – 21.3.18

## Literacy

**Adventure stories** – The children will get to know *The Last Wolf* by Michael Morpurgo, immersing themselves in the story and the language both in English and Guided Reading sessions. Using the book as a guide, they will research and present information on wolves, write a newspaper article, a balanced argument, a diary entry and a wildlife commentary.

**Information texts** - . The children will also build on their explanation work from last term to write about parts of the Digestive System.

**Poetry** – The children will write poems based on the Peace, Perfect Peace theme. They will learn about syllabic poetry eg Haiku, Tanka and Cinquain poetry.

### Spelling strategies

- writing words in different styles and colours
- turning words into pictures
- creating diamonds
- boxing up letters to remember shape of the word

### Grammar and Punctuation

- Imperative verbs
- Generalisers
- Pronouns
- Paragraphs

**Guided Reading** – We will be reading and discussing not only parts of *The Last Wolf* text but also other stories featuring wolves including *The Wolves in the Wall* by Neil Gaiman and *Wolves* by Emily Gravett.

### Accelerated Reader

The children are now very familiar with the Accelerated Reader scheme. They choose books from the School Library according to their reading band to read at home. When they finish the book they take an Accelerated Reader test on line to check their understanding of the text. They get points towards their individual targets. When they reach their targets they are awarded a certificate.

## Numeracy

This is a list of the topics covered in Year 4 during the Spring term. They will be taught in roughly this order:

- Written Multiplication and division methods
- Place value to 10,000
- Written subtraction and addition methods
- Mental Multiplication and division strategies
- Angles, symmetry and properties of 2D shapes
- Division with remainders
- Decimals and Fractions
- Money – adding and subtracting
- Time

### Home Learning..... How you can help

A big thank you, for the help and support you gave your children with their Home Learning last term, particularly with the Roman Britain Thematic Home Learning.

Over this term the children will receive further home learning tasks. Your child will receive a weekly online maths task for the first half of the term; this will be a consolidation of the basic number skills or ongoing work covered in class. Next Half term they will have written work to complete in their blue Maths Home Learning books. Maths Home Learning is given out on a Friday to be completed by the following Thursday.

They will also have a weekly English task to be completed in their red English Home Learning Book that will be given out on a Wednesday to be handed in by Tuesday.

Each child will have spellings to learn every week to be tested on a Monday. Children will have a practice booklet to use at home which uses the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method.

Finally they will receive Home Learning tasks based on our themes for this term. The children will be given an introduction to those tasks and the letter home will include the requested hand in date.

### Times tables

We will continue to work on tables this term and all children will have opportunities to gain bronze, silver and gold stickers. Please help your child to work on these regularly.