

Dear children and parents/carers of Hedgehogs  
As you are by now well aware, our topic for Term Five is Paintings, Pictures And Photographs

## Paintings, Pictures And Photographs

### **English-**

This term Year 4 will be studying the story 'Noah Barleywater runs away,' by John Boyne. Children will be encouraged to engage with stories with which they will empathise. They will also explore themes and issues, and develop and sustain ideas through discussion. Year 4 will also be developing creative responses to the text through drama, storytelling and artwork. They will be learning how to write in role in order to explore and develop empathy for characters. Through discussion and debate, students will develop their responses by exploring interpretations of themes, plots and characters' actions and motivations

### **Maths-**

This term Year 4 will be studying reasoning with fractions. This will include looking at money and decimals. We will also be exploring shapes visually and practically. This will involve sketching and constructing shapes to help understand more about their properties.

### **Science-**

Within the topic, Paintings, Pictures and Photographs, we will be looking at how light, dark and shadows can be created; how certain materials can be described as transparent, opaque or translucent; how white light is made up of different colours and how moving images are made.

We will also be looking at comparing and grouping different materials together.

### **Spelling and Grammar**

In spelling this term we will be studying the use of the apostrophe in contracted forms of words.

In grammar we will be looking at developing our confidence in using various sentence structures, including the use of fronted adverbials. For punctuation, we'll be focusing on using commas and semi colons.

### **Snappy Maths-**

Each day we will be practising our 9, 11 and 12 times tables.

### **History**

We'll be going back to the Roman Age to research and explore some of the materials and techniques used by people in the past. Children will also be looking at how pictures help us find out about the past.

### **Geography**

We will be learning about how symbols are used on maps and plans. The children will also be looking at how maps, plans and globes can be used. Furthermore, we'll be studying how the world can be recorded in aerial photos and satellite images

<p><b><u>ART/ TECHNOLOGY</u></b>  In Art we'll be learning about how artists used different materials and techniques for their work. We'll also be focusing on how to appreciate and interpret the work of others.</p> <p>In Design and Technology, children will be learning how to create their own pop up books.</p>	<p><b><u>Music</u></b>  We will be practising our new assembly songs.</p> <p>Children will also appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians.</p>	<p><b><u>PE</u></b>  This term, children will be taking part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges both individually and within a team.</p> <p>Through this children will also be developing flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.</p>	<p><b><u>Computing</u></b>  This term Year 4 will learn how to use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs.</p>	<p><b><u>RE</u></b>  This term, children will be studying 'Moral Dilemmas.' They will explore the difference between right and wrong, and how they learn to make moral distinctions. They will also be learning about how easy or difficult it is to make moral decisions.</p>
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# Newsletter

Welcome to Term 5! Our topic is 'Paintings, Pictures and Photographs.'

The topic is a wonderful way for children to use their imagination and explore their own creativity. They will be developing a broad range of skills and abilities, including: independent research; gathering information; exploring ideas and creative thinking. All of the work we are going to do has been carefully planned to help your child reach their learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you. You might like to take advantage of this opportunity to take your child to any local art galleries or museums. You could also look at any old photographs that you have in family collections at home.

## Homework:

Children will receive their homework tasks on Monday, and are to be completed and submitted by the following Monday. This will include homework relating to our topic and revising their times tables. If children need support with their homework, they can attend the 'Homework club' in Ms Woods' room on Thursdays.

CLIC test- This will be sent out on a Monday and children will be tested on the Friday. The CLIC tests help support problem solving and calculation within Maths.

Spellings- Your child will receive eleven spellings to learn and they will be tested on these the following Monday.

## Items to bring to school:

- Water bottle named.
- School bag.
- PE kit-named- please ensure outdoor PE shoes and sweat tops for colder weather. No earrings to be worn and hair to be tied up. These should stay in school and go home at the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Woods