

Year 4 Alder and Cedar Class

Welcome back Year 4!

We hope you have had a great Easter break and are looking forward to the new term.

Reminders:

You can contact us by emailing: year4@westfield.staffs.sch.uk

Forest school is on alternating Thursdays: 29th April, 13th May, 27th May

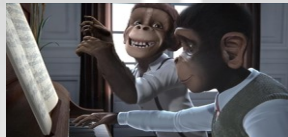
PE days are on Wednesday and Friday.



English



Our book "Why Beethoven Threw the Stew" paints an hilarious biographical portrait of the life of Ludwig van Beethoven immersing the children in facts, dates and anecdotes. This will help the children to then write their own biographical portrait for a musician. Our fiction will focus on stories around a theme, where we will read and compare a range of stories and use a short and inspiring film, called "Monkey Symphony," to stimulate our own story writing.



Maths

In their maths lessons this term, the children will be:

- Finding fractions of amounts and identifying equivalent fractions
- Solving fraction word problems
- Converting fractions to decimals/decimals to fractions
- Comparing and ordering decimals
- Solve problems including money and time



Reading at home - Accelerated Reader

We are continuing to encourage children to read their chosen book throughout the week in school and at home. Children will then complete a quiz on their chosen book to assess their understanding. Myon can still be accessed from home.

The login is the same as Accelerated Reader.

Times tables

Please continue to use 'Times Table Rockstars' to practise rapid recall of multiplication and division facts.

Spelling

Please practise the Year 4 and 3/4 common spelling words from National Curriculum Appendix (please ask your teacher for a list if you are unsure).



Playlists

Time for the class to listen up! Sshh...what's that noise? A bash? A crash? A shake a rattle or a low bass hum? Children are going to be taken on a journey through the valley of sound and find out about instruments, the sounds they make and how they are produced. They will discover how sounds are made and which sounds travel the furthest.

We will be exploring the amazing works of Ludwig van Beethoven. Then become budding musicians by playing along with and reading music on the glockenspiel, culminating in their own musical compositions. They will also take part in an exciting music workshop .

Religious Education

We will be exploring artefacts and stories that some religions use to describe attributes of God and make links with belief and practices.



PSHE

Mindfulness continue to be at the heart of most of our PSHE session along with respect and tolerance of others.

PE

We will be honing our fielding skills through lots of different short games focusing on mini rounders and tennis.



Homework

Try your best to complete at least 2 pieces of homework this half term. Remember to bring your homework in to school so that we can celebrate your hard work in class.

Think up a funny name for a new band! Design a logo for the band.

Write a fan letter to a musical icon explaining what you like about their music

Write song lyrics for a new song for your favourite band.

Make a musical dictionary.

Learn a song by heart or play a piece of music on an instrument. Film yourself and show your class friends.

Make a 'spot the intro' quiz. Play an introduction to a song to see who can recognise it first.