



Iver Village Junior School

TEACHERS: Miss Bjorck and Miss Trainor

PE	This Term Year 4 PE is taught by our class teachers Miss Bjorck and Miss Trainor as well as our Sports Coach Mr Hawkes. Please ensure your child comes prepared for their PE lessons with the correct PE kit and that it is named. PE this term will be on Wednesday and Thursday.
SPELLINGS	At the beginning of the half term your child will be given all of the spellings for each week. Children will be tested every Friday on the spellings for the previous week.
READING HOMEWORK	Daily reading and discussion about their book. Please make sure your child is reading every day and that you have signed their blue reading record book. Please ensure that your child has their reading record and book in school every day. Don't forget to encourage your child to read the Bug Club books too!
HOMEWORK TIMETABLE	Friday- Maths and English homework set each week. Wednesday- Homework handed back in to class teacher; if this does not happen then your child will complete their homework during Thursday lunchtime.

To support your child this half term you could:

- Encourage and support their reading at home.
- Help your child to practise their times tables including the corresponding division facts.
- Ensure they bring the correct equipment to school, including PE kit.
- Research Volcanoes so that your child has loads of interesting facts ready for our humanities topic where we will learn about how and why volcanoes form and erupt.
- Identify and discuss habitats found locally in preparation for our science topic on living things and their habitats.

For some detail of what we'll be covering in each of our subjects please look at our curriculum map.

English

During guided reading sessions children will be given the skills to develop into fluent, independent readers. We will teach them strategies to enable them to decode unknown words as well as strategies to develop their comprehension. During English lessons children will focus on developing their writing abilities and will advance in their understanding of different genres. Within this term we will cover narrative, newspaper reports, persuasive writing and information leaflets. We will aim to complete plenty of cross curricular writing to develop their writing skills in other curriculum areas such as science and history. In addition, spelling and grammar will have a weekly focus.

Science

Living Things and their Habitats

What is a habitat and how can I identify different habitats? How can I classify animals? How are habitats suited to particular organisms? How can I use a classification key to identify and sort animals? What is a food web? What is the impact if an organism is removed from a food web? What are natural led changes to the environment? What are human led changes to the environment? How and why are habitats managed?

RE

How do you think the universe and life started? What do Christians, Muslims and Hindus believe about how the world was created? What is The Big Bang Theory?

PSHE

How can I think about sharing and co-operating at work and play? How can I write a poem to explain I understand about sharing and co-operation? How can I understand the value of sight? How can I understand that determination can triumph against the odds?

PE

How can I develop my athleticism? How do you play cricket and what are the rules? Can I create routines in gymnastics and dance? Can I develop my rhythm and coordination skills in gymnastics?

Geography

Volcanoes

What is the earth made of? Where can we find volcanoes? What is a volcano and how is it formed? What is the structure of a volcano like? What are the different types of volcanoes? What are the effects of a volcanic eruption on the environment? What are the most famous volcanoes? What happened to the lost city of Pompeii?

Art

Can I give my opinion on a piece of art? Can I identify different viewpoints used by artists? Can I create pieces of art from varying perspectives?

French

How do I develop my French vocabulary? Can I ensure I have correct pronunciation? How do I speak and understand vocabulary about who I am in French? How do I ask and answer questions? Can I order and ice-cream in French?

Computing

How can I use computer software to programme?