



Year 4 topic introduction 'What's on the Menu'

Dear Parents,

Over the next 7 weeks all the Year 4 classes will be following a unit of work on a theme which focuses on 'Survival'.

This unit of work is part of the International Primary Curriculum. This curriculum sets out very clearly what children will learn – the learning goals – in three different areas:

1. The subjects of the curriculum. The learning goals for each of these subjects are at least as challenging as anything taught in the curriculum taught in your child's own country. In many cases, the learning goals are more challenging.
2. Personal development – the characteristics which will help children become more responsible, independent learners.
3. International understanding – which will help children develop both a sense of the independence of their own country and culture and the interdependence between countries and cultures.

Each unit of work is based around specific targets derived from the learning goals for one or more of the subjects.

During this unit we will be focusing on Geography, Science, History, Technology, Society and International.

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- About restaurants in the local area
- Where our food comes from
- Which foods are produced locally
- How food travels to the shop or supermarket
- About different types of farming
- What happens on a local farm

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- How fruits and vegetables grow
- How we can grow our own food in the classroom
- Why a balanced diet is important
- How to store our food properly
- What is inside a breakfast egg and how we can cook it

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About popular foods from different periods of history
- What sailors and explorers used to eat when travelling

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to make bread and butter



- How we can present food to make it more interesting
- How to create a healthy fruit sundae
- How to make freezer jam
- How we can make models of farm machines

In Society, we'll be finding out:

- About different diets and food requirements
- About different countries and the role of food in their celebrations and tradition

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About local food and customs in the host country
- How special events are celebrated in our home and host country

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you. We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you.

If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.

By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom. And we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments about the work your child has done, please get in touch.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 Team