

Subject	What we will learn this half term	
English	<p>The children will continue to develop their skills in reading comprehension and writing composition through the Literacy and Language program. Our key genre this half term will be <i>play scripts</i>.</p> <p>In our spelling, punctuation and grammar lessons this half term we will continue our revision of the use of adverbial phrases, inverted commas, relative clauses, verb forms, punctuation for parenthesis, colons, modal verbs, apostrophes and expanded noun phrases.</p> <p>A list of spellings will be sent home each Friday and a test will take place the following Friday.</p> <p>Our class text this half term will be <i>The Last Wild</i> by Piers Torday.</p>	
Maths	<p>Year 4 will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places • interpret and present discrete and continuous data using appropriate graphical methods, including bar charts and time graphs • solve comparison, sum and difference problems using data from bar charts, pictograms, tables and other graphs. 	<p>Year 5 will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write percentages as a fraction with denominator of 100, and as a decimal • solve problems which require knowing percentage and decimal equivalents and those fractions with a denominator of a multiple of 10 or 25. • solve comparison, sum and difference problems using data from a line graph • complete, read and interpret information in tables, including timetables
Science	<p>Year 4 will continue with their science topic of 'Living Things and their Habitats'. They will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways • explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment • recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. 	<p>Year 5 will continue with their science topic of 'Forces'. They will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object • identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces • recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.
Topic	<p>Each half term will have either geography or history as a main topic focus. This half term our focus will be on geography with our topic 'Eco-Schools'. The pupils are extremely passionate about sustainability, recycling and the environment and so I hope this topic will greatly enthuse them in their learning. Pupils will learn to describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle. We will also learn about human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.</p>	
Art & D&T	<p>For this term's Design Technology project the children will be sewing their own underwater tapestry. Pupils will need to select from and use a range of tools and equipment to create their tapestry and will also need to select from and use a range of materials and textiles according to their functional and aesthetic qualities.</p>	
PE	<p>Mrs Burroughs will take Ford Class for athletics lessons on Tuesday afternoons. The class will move onto rounders later in the half term. Year 4 will also go swimming on Wednesday afternoons.</p>	
Music	<p>We will continue our violin lessons and will perform in 'Musical Roots' at The Alnwick Garden on 25th June.</p>	
French	<p>This half term we will revise the vocabulary we have learned this year and will practise our French speaking skills.</p>	
Computing	<p>Pupils will have computing on Tuesdays with Mrs Bowron.</p>	
RE	<p>Children will study the theme of 'peace' across a range of faiths.</p>	
PSHE	<p>In PSHE we will be reflecting on the progress we have made this year and celebrating our successes. We will also think ahead to next year and will have a 'meet the teacher' afternoon later on in the half term.</p>	

Dates for your diary

(Please ensure you check the school calendar regularly as not every event is listed below)

- Friday 7th June – Ford Class non-uniform for World Oceans Day
- Week beginning 10th June - Bike to School Week
- Morning of 17th June – some of Year 4 to Multi Sports Festival at Willowburn
- Afternoon of Tuesday 18th June – sports day
- Morning of 25th June – Ford Class to perform in Musical Roots at The Alnwick Garden
- Afternoon of 26th June – Year 5 to the Duchess Community High School for maths transition event
- Tuesday 2nd July – Ford Class assembly
- 3rd – 5th July – Year 5 away on residential to Dukeshouse Wood

Additional Information

- Miss Lydia Allen, who is in her final year of a primary teaching degree, will continue to teach Ford Class on a regular basis this half term. She is known to the children and will be supported by myself.
- As the weather is getting warmer, it is essential that children come to school wearing sun cream and with a water bottle. Pupils may also bring to school a named bottle of sun cream in order to reapply at lunch time.
- Pupils will need their outdoor PE kit every Tuesday and Year 4 pupils will need their swimming kit every Wednesday.
- Spellings and times table tests are on Fridays. A full overview of this half term's spellings can be accessed through the Ford Castle class page on the school website.
- Homework goes home on Fridays. Children should return homework folders to school on Thursdays. A copy of our Homework Policy is on the school website <http://www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk/website>
- **Finally, please ensure all items of your child/ren's uniform and PE kit are named.**

Many thanks for your on-going support

Miss Jones

Useful links

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

National Curriculum: <http://www.educationengland.org.uk/documents/pdfs/2013-nc-framework.pdf>