



Sir Thomas Abney
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 4

Aspen & Rowan

Autumn Term 2017

1st Half

Staff in Class

Hannah Attwood and Val Alexis
(Class Teachers)

Emily Jayne, Paola Goundry,
Jamie Webb & Pauline Scott
(Teaching Assistants)

Literacy

Our Power of Reading book this half term is Varjak Paw by SF Said. It is an exciting story about a cat who seeks out adventure! The children will be dramatizing the events and will have many opportunities to write, with a focus on developing their own writing style.

We will continue to develop our reading skills with our fantastic Accelerated Reader programme. In STA loves reading children will have the opportunity to discuss a range of texts, and to read and discuss a book in depth with their partner.

Numeracy

During this first half term we will be focusing on children's understanding of numbers and place value, including rounding. We will also be consolidating and extending our knowledge of the 4 operations.

We will develop pupils' understanding of both mental and written multiplication and division strategies. Pupils should become increasingly flexible and confident with their use of multiplication and division facts.

RE

How the Synagogue shows what is important to Jews.

Key Routines

Monday: PE (MUGA)

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: PE (Top Hall)

Friday: Spelling handed out

Key Dates

Fri 15th Sep – Meet the Teacher at 3.30pm in the classroom

Fri 22nd Sep – Car Free Day

Class trip – Woodbury Wetlands (date TBC)

Homework

Maths homework will be set on Friday and will be available on the Mathletics on line programme. Home must be completed by the following Thursday.
Spelling will be given out on Fridays.

How you can help your child at home

Please make sure your child reads daily. Enjoying and discussing a book with you will improve their understanding. Please practise the times tables with your child. We are building confidence with the 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s this term.

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- About prehistoric cave paintings
- How to make paints from natural materials
- About folk art such as sand painting
- How great artists, architects and designers have shaped the world's cities

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- About different habitats within the school grounds
- How to investigate a local habitat
- About pond life and how it has adapted
- How to sort animals into groups
- Who eats who – food chains and food webs
- Seasonal changes to habitats and migration

Do You Live Around Here?
(Living things plants and rocks)

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In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to design a comfortable shelter
- How to make mud bricks
- How to make a shelter from straw
- How to design a house using local materials

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About the different homes we have lived in
- Whether homes in the local area have changed

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- About homes around the world
- About the ways in which different people live their lives
- About homes in our home countries and host country

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About homes and habitats in different countries
- About habitats of global importance that are at risk