



Autumn Term

Year 4

MATHS:

Daily work will take place on recall of multiplication facts, converting between values and rapid mental maths facts. Subjects covered this term are place value, four operations, fractions and measurement. In each lesson, children will apply their new learning to arithmetic questions and reasoning and problem-solving activities, so that they gain a deepened understanding of each topic.

Year 4 will participate in National Times Tables tests this academic year. Therefore, it is important that your child knows their times tables up to 12×12 and their corresponding division partners, i.e. $2 \times 4 = 8$, $4 \times 2 = 8$, $8 \div 2 = 4$, $8 \div 4 = 2$. Times Table Rockstars will help with this.



ENGLISH:

Our children will develop their skills through reading, grammar and writing sessions. In the first few weeks, we will focus on the front loading of grammar. This will ensure that children have the skills that they need to create texts later in the school year. Our subsequent learning will centre around the book 'Land of Roar'. We will character descriptions, retells, letters and explanations. Autumn 2 will be centred around newspaper report writing.

READING:

We will have daily reading lessons. The focus of these will be on developing reading fluency and children's ability to deconstruct and explain texts.

HOME READING:

Children's reading development must be support with extra reading at home. Children will come with two books. One is a levelled book which will support the children's reading automaticity. The second will be a library book which will support the children's love of reading. Children need to read at home 4 times a week for 15 minutes.

CLASS DOJO:

If you have any need to contact teachers, please do this via Dojo. All messages from teachers will come via this platform.

Welcome to Year 4! We have an exciting term ahead and we are looking forward to the activities we have planned.

The staff who will be working in Year 4 this term are:

Miss Barkley – 4B (Year Group Lead)

Mrs Bayliss – 4BA

Miss Price and Mrs Godfry – 4PG

Support staff: Mrs Parton, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Soori & Miss Dubb

On Wednesday and Friday, children will have their PE lessons. They will develop their teamwork skills as well as their knowledge and understanding of basketball, outdoor and adventurous activities, football and fitness. Children can come into school wearing their PE kit.

Below is a list of the required PE kit.

- White t-shirt,
- Plain black shorts,
- Black pumps,
- Black track suit/joggers
- Trainers suitable for outside use.
- Jumper/Hoodie in cold weather



Children will also participate in swimming lessons.

HISTORY:

We will be learning about the **Anglo-Saxons**. They will discover who the Anglo Saxons were and where they were from by studying primary and secondary sources.



ART:

The children will develop their observational drawing skills through exploration of line, shade, tone and pattern.



They will explore the work of Vija Celmins who is best known for photo-realistic paintings and drawings of natural environments. In addition, we will investigate still life studies inspired by Giorgio Morandi.

SCIENCE:

Children will learn about **Electricity**, which will include learning about: identifying common appliances and constructing circuits with bulbs, switches and buzzers. They will also learn key terms such as insulator and conductor.

Following that, we will be exploring the topic of **Sound**: identifying how sounds are made and learning about volume and pitch. Throughout each topic, children will be developing key knowledge whilst developing their scientific enquiry skills.



GEOGRAPHY:

Our geography unit is all about **climate and weather**. We will compare the UK's weather to places across the world, learning about climate zones, as well as studying extreme flooding in the UK and Europe. The children will use age-appropriate maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.

HOMEWORK:

Maths homework will be set through **Times Tables Rock Stars** – your child has been given a username and password in order to access this website. We are recommending daily practice. <https://trockstars.com>

We also ask that you ensure that your child reads daily at home. Each child has a reading record, which should be filled in whenever they read aloud.

Your child will also be set homework each week on ClassDojo, or a paper copy will be given out.



MUSIC & MFL

The children will be learning music skills from our specialised programme called Charanga. They will focus on the song Mama Mia whilst also learning about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel.



We will explore the Spanish language through speaking, listening and games. Pupils will be learning how to describe people in detail.



COMPUTING:

Children will develop their knowledge and understanding of computing systems and online collaborative working.



RE:

Children will explore **Creation** stories. They will develop their enquiry skills by asking and reflecting on a range of questions regarding Christian beliefs. They will also learn about the **Trinity**.

PSHE

Children will develop skills in listening and responding to each other respectfully. They will also explore their own strengths, skills and interests.

