

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 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 x 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 half term our various writing units will be based around 'How to Train Your Dragon' and will include character descriptions, retells, letters and explanations. Autumn 2 will be centred around newspaper reports of current events.

Home Reading:

Please encourage your child to read at home, both on their own and to an adult or fluent reader. Each child has been given a reading record, which should be written in when a child reads aloud – both at home and in school. They will have a structured reading book and/or library books from school. They can also read any books that they have at home!



We will use ClassDojo to keep you updated with current events in school. Please use this to communicate with a class teacher if you require.

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

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

Mr Broadley – 4BR

Mrs Oliver-Hall – 4OH

Mrs Bayliss – 4BA

Support staff – Mrs Parton and Mrs Sachdeva

On **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**, children will have their PE lessons where they will develop their team work skills as well as their knowledge and understanding in 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.

- T-shirt,
- Plain black shorts,
- Black pumps,
- Plain dark coloured track suit/joggers
- Old trainers for outside use.
- Jumper/Hoodie in cold weather



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.

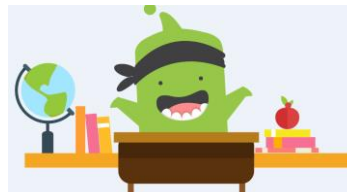


HOMEWORK:

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 practise. <https://ttrockstars.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 either on ClassDojo or a paper copy will be given out.



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**.

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.

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 French language through speaking, listening and games using Rigolo. Pupils will be learning how to describe people in detail.

PSHE

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

