

Curriculum News Autumn 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This term, the children in Year 4 will be covering all aspects of the National Curriculum including:

Mathematics

This term in maths, the children in Year 4 will be covering:

number and place value, mental addition and subtraction, written addition and subtraction, problem solving, reasoning and algebra, mental multiplication and division, written multiplication and division and measuring to find the perimeter.

English

We will be following the New National Curriculum which includes work on:

Fiction: Setting descriptions and narratives.

Non-Fiction: Non-chronological reports, diary writing, letter writing and persuasive writing.

Poetry: Limericks, personification and alliteration poems.

The spelling, punctuation and grammar curriculum will follow the LKS2 expectations.

We will use texts as models to help develop the children's understanding of structure and features in different writing genres and through these genres develop their understanding of the correct punctuation, spelling and grammar.

Science

In the first half of the term, the children will learn more about solids, liquids and states of matter.

We will also learn about the stages of the water cycle. In the second half term, the children will be learning about sound. They will be learning about different sound sources and how sound travels.

Cross-curricular Work

During our cross-curricula work we will be looking at *Groovy Greeks*. We will sequence events in Greek history in a chronological order and look at the influence of ancient Greece on the modern world. We will also learn about the conflict between Sparta and Athens and other significant historical figures, such as Alexander the Great.

Design and Technology

During our DT lessons the children will look at different structures, and they will design and build their own pavilions.

Art and Design

Our art lessons this term will primarily focus upon some of the skills needed for drawing and painting - line, pattern, colour and texture. We will be looking closely at Greek patterns and doing some printing work. They will also find out about the artist Vincent Van Gogh.

Personal, Social, Health Education

During our PSHE lessons, we will be learning about the importance of respectful relationships, keeping ourselves safe on-line and mental health and wellbeing. We will be having Friendship Week, Keys to happier living (The Great Dream) RRS and Global Learning activities.

Religious Education

In RE, this term, we will be studying the importance of the festival of Diwali and the significance of the journeys that take place in the Christmas story.

Physical Education

This term we will be starting with Outdoor Adventure and after half term we will be learning the skills involved in Tag Rugby. **PE kit:** white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and a change of shoes. Indoor PE shoes must be non-marking. During outdoor PE lessons, jogging bottoms and a sweat top may be worn. Class 4A will have PE on a Tuesday morning. Class 4C will have PE on a Thursday afternoon. PE kits must arrive in school on Monday and stay in school for the week.

Computing

In our Computing lessons this term, children will take part in a unit of work called my Online Life which covers all the year 4 computing curriculum requirements for digital literacy and online safety. We will also complete a unit called Hour of Code where the children will practise coding skills.

Music

In music this term, we will continue to sing in small groups. We will also be following the Charanga Scheme of work. The children will sing songs, listen to pieces of music and produce compositions around this theme.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on the Year 4 email address:

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Many Thanks from the Year 4 Team

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