

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 4 Summer Term 1

The teachers in Year 4 this half term are:

- Miss Coley (Mon-Tues)
- Mrs. Brown (Wed-Fri)
- Miss Pougher

English

This term, our English lessons will immerse the children in a variety of exciting and thought-provoking texts. These include A Dangerous Game and The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse.

Through these engaging texts, the children will develop their skills as readers and writers. They will:

- Write a persuasive letter, focusing on the use of specific vocabulary and language features to influence the reader.
- Develop their understanding of narrative writing by planning and producing a story.

In reading, we will explore a wide range of age-appropriate texts and practise comprehension skills using VIPERS-style questions. This will help children to not only understand what they read but also think critically about language, structure and authorial intent.

Science

We will be learning about sound and how it is created. Throughout this topic, we will explore how sounds are made through vibrations and how they travel through different materials. We will also investigate how sounds can change, including pitch and volume, and consider how this affects what we hear. Alongside this, we will continue to develop our investigative skills and critical thinking by observing, classifying, and analysing different sounds and how they are produced.



Maths

This half term, we will be learning about shapes and statistics. We will learn to count and calculate the perimeter of regular polygons. We will explore various shapes and their properties, including different triangles and quadrilaterals. We will deepen our understanding of shapes by looking at angles and symmetry.



In our statistics work, we will learn to interpret and present data using various graphical methods, including bar charts. We will also solve problems by analysing the information presented in these graphs.

Throughout these lessons, Year 4 children will build confidence using practical resources and visual models to explain their thinking and solve problems accurately.

Geography

This half term, Year 4 will be learning all about a region of Europe, focusing on Italy. We will explore where Italy is located, its physical and human features, and what makes it unique. This will include studying landscapes, climate, cities, and how people live in different parts of the country.



We will continue to develop our research, enquiry and critical thinking skills as we investigate maps, atlases and a range of geographical sources to learn more about this European region.

Art

This half term, we will be exploring Art by creating sculptures. We will learn about different sculpting techniques and materials, using this knowledge to design and create our own pieces of artwork that meet our success criteria.



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Year 4 will be supported by:

- Miss Jones

Experiences

- Class assemblies

PE



4CB

Developing their orienteering skills.

4P

Developing their handball skills.

PSHE



We will explore the topic Relationships, focusing on how to build and maintain positive connections with others. We will learn about respect, kindness and trust, as well as how to communicate effectively and manage different feelings. We will also consider how healthy relationships can support our wellbeing and help us feel safe and valued.

French



This half term, we will be learning the topic At Home. We will learn how to name common household items and use simple phrases to describe and talk about them. We will continue to develop our vocabulary, confidence in speaking aloud, and our conversational skills.

Music



4P this half term will be continuing to learn the cornet whilst 4CB learn the violin.

Throughout this half term, we will be developing our skills in reading music and composing our own pieces.

RE



We will be exploring the topic What does it mean to be Hindu? Through stories, discussion and reflective activities, we will learn about Hindu beliefs, traditions and ways of life. We will explore key concepts such as dharma, karma and respect for all living things, and consider how these beliefs influence the daily lives of Hindus.

Computing

This half term, we will be learning about creating logos using Purple Mash. We will explore how logos are designed for different purposes and audiences, creating our own designs while developing our creativity, digital skills and understanding of visual communication.



Home Learning

Spelling

Every week, children will be learning Year 4 spellings as part of their English curriculum. To support this learning at home, they can practise their spellings using Spelling Shed.

Reading

Children need to bring their reading books and diaries to school every day. Reading regularly at home is strongly encouraged. If your child reads to an adult three times or more in a week, they will be entered into our reading raffle. This gives them the exciting chance to win one of our amazing books from the book vending machine!

Times Tables

Your child has login details for Times Tables Rock Stars. This is an online programme where children can practise their times tables and compete with themselves and others.

Creative Tasks

At the start of each half term, children will have the opportunity to complete their own project at home. This can be based on their history, geography or science theme, or something that interests them. We will showcase them in class on the last week of each half term.