

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 4 Autumn Term

The teachers in Year 4 this half term are:

- Mr Seymour (4S)
- Miss Pougher (4P)



English

This term, our English lessons will immerse the children in the exciting and mythical world of Beowulf. The children will explore a thrilling tale of monsters, heroes and bravery while developing their understanding of characters, settings and events. Through this engaging text, the children will develop their skills as readers and writers. They will:

- Write vivid descriptions of characters and settings, using powerful vocabulary and varied sentence structures.
- Develop their narrative writing skills by creating their own exciting stories inspired by the events and characters in Beowulf.
- Explore the features of myths and legends, considering how authors use language to create suspense, excitement and memorable characters.

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

This half term, we will be exploring states of matter and animals, including humans. We will begin by investigating the three states of matter – solids, liquids and gases – and finding out how their properties differ. We will then explore how materials can change state through processes such as melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation.



Alongside this, we will learn about animals, including humans, looking at how animals grow and change throughout their lives, and the different stages of their life cycles.

Maths

This half term is all about Place Value, Addition and Subtraction. We will begin by developing our understanding of place value, exploring numbers up to 10,000 and learning how the value of each digit changes depending on its position.



We will then use our place value knowledge to develop our skills in addition and subtraction, including using formal written methods to add and subtract numbers with up to four digits. We will also explore exchanging when calculating and use estimation and checking strategies to make sure our answers are accurate.

Throughout the unit, Year 4 will develop their confidence in solving a range of mathematical problems and explaining their reasoning.

Geography

This half term, Year 4 will be learning all about Geography: All Around the World. We will explore the different continents and oceans, investigate countries and their locations, and learn how to use maps, atlases and globes to locate places around the world.



Throughout this topic, we will continue to develop our geographical, research, enquiry and critical thinking skills.

Art

This half term, we will be exploring drawing and printmaking. We will develop our drawing skills by experimenting with different techniques, lines, patterns and textures before using our designs to create our own prints.



We will explore a range of artists and printing techniques, developing our creativity and confidence as we design, experiment and create our own artwork.

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Year 4 will be supported by:

- Miss Jones
- Miss Harris
- Mrs Ward

Experiences

- Kidz fit
- harvest collection
- Black history day
- HSBC talk
- Children in need
- antibullying

PE



4P -Developing their golf skills.
4S -Developing their fitness skills.

PE will take place on Wednesday, please ensure correct uniform is worn in preparation.

PSHE



In Autumn, we will explore the topic 'Being a Good School Citizen', focusing on responsibility, respect and making positive choices. We will learn how our actions and behaviour can affect others, and explore ways we can contribute positively to our classroom and school.

French



This half term, we will be learning how to talk about what we are able to do in French. We will develop our vocabulary and sentence structures to describe different activities and say what we can and cannot do.

We will practise speaking and listening through fun activities and conversations, helping us to build our confidence and develop our pronunciation and conversational skills.

Music



4P this half term will be beginning to learn the Violin whilst 4S learn the Cornet.

Throughout this half term, we will be developing our skills in reading music. The term will finish with a class concert where we will proudly share our pieces and invite parents in to watch.

RE



This half term, we will be exploring what kind of world Jesus wanted. We will learn about Jesus' teachings and the values he encouraged, such as love, kindness, forgiveness, compassion and helping others. Through stories, discussion and reflection, we will consider how Jesus' teachings can help us understand the importance of treating others fairly and making the world a better place.

Computing

This half term, we will be learning about online safety and how to use technology responsibly and safely. We will explore how to keep our personal information secure, recognise potential risks online and understand what to do if something makes us feel uncomfortable or unsafe.



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.