



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn term 2021



Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your break. Below is a selection of the areas that your child will be studying over the next term.

Class texts

In our English Unit we will be reading Stuart Little and The Great Kapok Tree by E.B White and Lynne Cherry. In our whole class reading lesson we will be reading The Butterfly Lion and Outlaw by Michael Morpurgo. For our end of day read we will be reading The White Giraffe by Lauren St John.

English

This term we will be looking at discussion texts. We will produce a discussion text on a controversial topic. In the second half of the term, we will be looking at non-chronological reports and then will produce a non-chronological report on animals.

Science

Our first topic this term is 'Habitats'. We will discover the different environments that animals and plants live in. We will also learn that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. Following on from this, we will be studying 'Where does all the food go?' Various investigations will be carried out throughout the term.

Geography

In the first half of the autumn term, we will be exploring the similarities and differences between Spain and the UK. We will explore a range of geographical features, such as festivals, the economy, trade, locations and the climate of these countries.

Maths

This term we will continue to develop our mental maths skills using our Maths Passports. Children must learn all the times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of this year. Please start working on these at home. Main foci of this term are: place value, addition and subtraction.

History

After half term, we will be learning about Early civilisations. Our historical analysis skills will be developed by gathering content, processing information then communicating and presenting this in a variety of ways. We will use our understanding of early civilisation to produce various genres of writing.

Computing

This half term we will be looking at internet safety and coding, ensuring all children understand how to stay safe when using the internet. We will then be learning how to code on Purple Mash, children we get a chance to create their own game using skills they have learnt.

RE

Initially, we will be looking at Islam, focusing on the beliefs and worship of this religion. In the second half of the term, our topic is Judaism.

PSHCE

PSHCE is taught through daily reflections, assemblies and PSHCE days. This term's themes, such as risks of choices, feelings and moods will be explored.

REMINDER

- **Read** every day for 20 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record everyday once the child has written a sentence.
- Practise their **times tables** on TTRS.
- Practise their **spellings** ready for their test each Monday.
- **Homework** is sent home on Fridays and must be returned on or before the following Wednesday.
- Authorised Full **PE kit** should be worn on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** for Octopus class and **Wednesday** and **Thursday** for Lynx class.

Please come and speak to any member of the Year 4 team if you have any questions.