

Year 4 – Autumn 1



English

Reading - This term in English, children will continue to develop their reading skills through guided reading sessions which will focus on fluency and comprehension. It is vital for children to read each day at home so that they can discuss their group's book during our sessions. Our whole class reading book will be, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf which we will use to inspire our writing.

Writing- Children will develop their basic writing skills and continue to build on these while practising application of spelling, grammar and punctuation. They will use their skills to create a diary entry in their independent writing. Children will also have discreet handwriting lessons where they will learn how to join their letters correctly.

Maths

This half term the children will learn:

Shape – children will learn about angles as turns, identify angles, compare and order angles, triangles and quadrilaterals.

Place value – children will identify and represent numbers to 1000 which they will then learn how to partition. They will investigate numbers up to 10,000 and partition these numbers in a flexible way. To deepen their understanding of these numbers, they will compare and order them and plot them on number lines. They will also learn how to round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

Addition and subtraction – Children will begin to add and subtract 4-digit numbers using the column method.

Times tables – Children will be revising all of the times tables throughout the year. It is important that the children practice these at home as well as in school.

Science

This term in science, the topic is Electricity. During this topic, children will explore various aspects of electricity, beginning with how to keep safe around electricity and electrical objects. They will investigate simple circuits, exploring and utilising the various components of these, as well as conductors and insulators. Throughout their learning, they will build on their classification and controlled investigation skills. To complete the topic, the children will create circuits with buzzers which they can use to play games.

RE

Our RE topics this half term are People and Reconciliation. Children will explore family trees and learn that Jesus had a human family, just like us. After that, the children will learn about Reconciliation through parables and deepen their understanding of God as a loving and forgiving father who is always there for us.

History

In history this term, the children will be exploring Ancient Egypt. They will use a timeline to gain an understanding of the era in relation to other civilisations. For example, how long it lasted in comparison to Anglo-Saxon Britain. They will investigate how the Egyptians lived, what was important to them, and how we know this – through the discovery of ancient artefacts.

Computers

This half term children will create a piece of work to create Year 4 display in the computer suite. Children will create their own folder on the server in which to save their work. They will then learn how to save files there, rename files and delete unwanted files to save space. Once they have learned to do this, they will learn how to print their work and change printer properties, for example: paper size, colour and quantities.

RSE

In RSE, children will look at how, while we are all different, we are all equal and we are all loved by God. They will learn about feelings and emotions as well as life cycles.

Art

This half term, children will be focusing on drawing. Children will add to their drawing skills developed in Year 3 and continue to learn new techniques. They will learn how to use a 6B pencil – a soft pencil used to make dark impressions. Using a variety of medium, they will make observational and experimental drawings. They will also work on drawing faces with more accuracy and identify and draw the effect of light on an object.

French

During this half term in French, children will be revising numbers, colours and greetings. They will then learn the names of fruits (les fruits) and vegetables (les légumes) in French. Once they know the names of these, they will learn how to ask for them. For example, one kilo of bananas.

PE

Fitness, is this term's PE topic. As well as focusing on the key skills of agility, balance, co-ordination, speed, stamina and strength, the children will be learning about the social, emotional and cognitive aspects of fitness. To deepen their understanding of fitness, they will explore how having a healthy diet and exercising, not only has a positive effect on the human body, but can aid emotional well-being and thinking power.

At Home/Important information

The children's reading books are changed either every Monday or Tuesday and they will keep this book for the week depending. They need to bring this into school every day, as there are always reading opportunities throughout the day. Reading records should be signed by an adult at home when they read in the evening. Children will also have book from the class library to read for pleasure, which the children pick themselves.

Spelling homework goes home on a Thursday to be returned the following Thursday. Practising everyday will help embed the spelling rule and prepare for the weekly spelling test. Children will also receive a timestables/maths task on Thursdays which they will need to complete for the following Thursday.