



YEAR GROUP 4
SUMMER 2024
CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Below is an overview of what we are planning to cover this term with our Year 4 pupils:

Maths	During the first half of term, we will be having a big focus on multiplication and division. This will include multiplying by 10 and 100, using the formal column method to multiply 3 and 4 digit numbers by 1 digit, and solve missing number calculations. With division, we will learn how to complete long division including calculations that have no regroupings, one grouping and two regroupings. We will then move onto time, which will include reading, writing, calculating and converting time. Next, we will look at Roman Numerals and negative numbers. Finally, we will have a large focus on geometry, which will include angles, properties of triangles, coordinates and position and direction. Towards the second half of the second term, we will complete a recap of all our important learning such as multiplication, division, addition, subtraction and fractions. We will then finish off with area. We, as a class, will continue to have a huge focus on times tables and will continue to have a weekly times table tests. Children can practice their times tables at home using Purple Mash.
English	Our next unit will be based on the text The King who banned the dark! Our focus will be on persuasive writing and we will be producing postcards, letters and leaflets. Our final unit will be centred on the Iron Man and by the end of the unit, we will have produced a diary entry and invented our own ending to the story. In this unit, we will have a large focus on using speech punctuation and fronted adverbials.
Geography	Our Geography topic will be The Mediterranean. As part of this unit, children will learn about key places the border the Mediterranean, the climate in the Mediterranean, food and farming, the landscapes and settlements. We will also look at Eastern Europe including comparing and contrasting the UK with Russia.
History	Our History topic will be The Industrial Revolution. As part of this unit, children will learn what the Industrial Revolution is, when it started and where. They will also learn about the cotton production, the development of steam engines and trains, iron and coal work, and the work that children did during this time. Through this learning, children will also learn about key people during this time and their impact on today's inventions.
Science	In the first half of term, we will be learning all about Space. We will be learning about the planets and the wider solar system. In the second half of term, we will be learning all about living things and their environment. We will be learning all about habitats, food chains, ocean habitats, destruction and damage of habitats.
Art	We have completed all our Art units. This means that we will be doing two DT units in the Summer term.
DT	In the first half of term, we will complete a design project where children will design and create their own Pencil cases. Throughout this unit children will investigate a variety of pencil cases, learn to sew running stitch, back stitch and blanket stitch, sew on a button and create a loop for this button. In the second half of term, we will use our knowledge of electricity to create our own light up signs. This will include investigating illuminated signs, understanding why LEDs work better than generic light bulbs, designing our own light up signs and using a circuit to make our signs work.
RE	In the first half term we will focus on special books in the religions we have learnt about this year; Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity. In the second half of term, we will look more closely at the religious stories of Hinduism and learn more about their Gods.

Computing	For Computing, we will be using Purple Mash. We will be focusing on animation, effective search and understanding the different parts of a computer.
PE	This term will be developing our skills in Dance during the first half of the term while in the second part, we will be learning all about Athletics whilst preparing for our sports day.

PE - Please be reminded that children will need to wear a P.E. Kit to school on the day they have PE (MONDAY). This should be black shorts/black tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. The PE kit they wear to school should have no sports labels on it.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. Earrings should be studs and no jewellery should be worn unless faith related.

Water- Children may bring a bottle of water each day.

Home Learning - Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading diary. They will have weekly spellings and will be tested on a Friday. Children will also be set a termly homework grid.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day.

Kind Regards,

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