

Year 4

Autumn Term

Maths

In maths, the children will start the term with a focus on number and place value. We will be learning about numbers up to and beyond 1000. We will then move onto learning about the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and will apply these to a range of word problems, including learning about area. We will also have a big focus on times tables.

Literacy

In Literacy this term, children will be writing a fantasy story based on the book *Gorilla* by Anthony Browne. After half term, the children will be writing Leon's secret diary about what really happened in the 'place between'.

In lessons, children will be focusing on using a wider range of conjunctions, prepositions, adverbs and expanded noun phrases. Children will be learning to recognise the difference between plural and possessive 's'.

History/Geography

In history, we will be learning about how children's lives have changed over the years.

In geography, we will be studying Antarctica and researching its geographical features.

Music

In music, the children will be using body percussion to create a piece of music with four different layers based on the sounds of the rainforest.

French

In French, the children will continue to practise greetings and introductions. They will learn the numbers 21-30 and will also focus on time and days of the week.

Science

The children will be grouping and classifying animals and plants, as part of the *Classification* topic. They will also study different states of matters and examine the differences between them.

P.E.

In P.E., the children will be participating in dance and gym sessions. This will involve creating their own dance performances based on a range of movements. They will also learn how to use gym equipment responsibly and safely.

In outside lessons, they will be developing their football skills.

P.S.H.E. & C.

This term in P.S.H.E. & C., the focus will be on relationships. The children will learn about what it means to be a good friend, how we can build healthy relationships and how to respect differences and stereotypes. The children will also take part in Anti-Bullying Week.

Art

This term in art, the children will be creating several pencil tones with shading to create a simple 3D effect. They will use charcoal and rubber to show contrasting areas of light and dark.

Using their understanding of tone, they will explore the technique of hatching, using pattern and contrast when creating a mixed-media drawing.

Computing

In computing, the children will be learning about working collaboratively in a responsible and considerate way, as well as looking at a range of collaborative tools. They will also learn about how to keep safe online.

R.E.

In R.E. this term, the children will be learning about the Holy Trinity and its importance to Christians. They will examine symbols of the Trinity and design their own three-part representation. After half term, they will study Hinduism, focusing on its origins, core beliefs, festivals and special places.

D.T.

In D.T., the children will be planning a biscuit recipe within a budget. They are going to be learning to adapt a recipe, by adding extra ingredients.

Other Information

Homework will be given out on a Friday and is due the following Friday.

Reading is to be recorded in your child's reading companion.

Please continue to practise times tables with your child at home.

P.E. kit: White top, back shorts, trainers and a tracksuit in the colder months. Children can also bring black jackets for when the weather is cold.

Children will visit the library once a week; your child's teacher will tell them which day.

Thank you for your continued support!