



Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year Four.

We are delighted to welcome you to Year 4, Mr Blake and Miss Smith are looking forward to getting to know you all better.

Turn over to find out what we will be learning about this term, we are sure it will be an action packed year where we combine learning with plenty of fun!

Who's who in the Year 4 team?

4S Class Teachers	Miss Smith
4B Class Teacher	Mr Blake
Year 4 Teaching Assistants	Mrs Shergold Mrs Neale

What is needed when?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Kit Library book exchange Spelling test today Hand in arithmetic homework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE kit (outdoors) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorders needed today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TTRS completed by today Reading Journals due in SPAG completed by today
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Homework

In Year Four it is really important to continue to embed good homework habits, therefore we are asking that you take a little and often approach. The tasks given build on essential skills and make a big difference to learning in class.

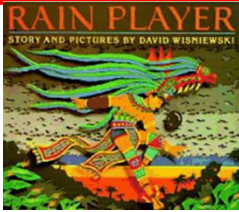
Every week we will ask that the pupils complete 20 sessions on **Times Table Rockstar**, practise **spellings** which will be tested on **Monday** and we ask that pupils **read** five times a week. Please can you sign these each week and hand them in on **Fridays**.

In addition, this year each child will bring home a **weekly Arithmetic test** which should help them practise key maths skills. The children should spend no more than 25 minutes on this activity. This will be issued on a Monday to be returned the following Monday. We are also introducing a new **weekly SPAG activity** to practise a key spelling, punctuation or grammar skill to help develop writing skills. This will be set on a Friday to be completed the following Friday.

Autumn Term 1 Curriculum Map

English : Mayan Myths

During this unit we will learn the skills need to write our own Mayan myths. We will learn to use dialogue and descriptions and infer character feelings.



Information texts

During this unit, we will be focusing on organising writing information texts. We will learn about using paragraphs to group ideas together.

Art: Sculpture

We will be developing our understanding of sculpture this term and learning about the natural sculptor Andy Goldsworthy.

Computing Skills

We will be learning the key skills we need to use computers efficiently and effectively.

Maths

- In Number we will be improving our understanding of number and place value up to 10,000
- Then, we will develop our understanding of addition and subtraction.

Science : Living Things

- We will learn how to group living things in different ways and using classification keys.
- We will learn what MRS GREN stands for.
- We will learn how environments change naturally and through the actions of people.

History—Mayans

We will learn who the Mayans were and how their society worked. We will learn about their beliefs and achievements and make connections with British History.

Music:

We will be learning about the recorder. We will develop our knowledge of notes and how to read music. We will be working towards a performance.

Religious Education: Temptation

We will be learning about temptation with religion and connecting it to our own experiences.

PE

Monday – Swimming
Tuesday – Netball (outside)

Spanish

Days of the week,
months of the year

RHE

Caring friendships. We will be learning about what makes a healthy friendship and coping with falling out.

Autumn Term 2 Curriculum Map

English : Poetry

We will be exploring the structure of a poem and how language is used to describe and entertain. We will then be writing our own free verse descriptive poem.



Narrative description

The children will be looking at how to use language to create a realistic scene description within a narrative.

Geography—The weather and Climate

We will be able to identify continents and oceans. We will explore different climates and understand what a biome is. We will learn about different types of weather.

DT : Textiles

This is a sewing unit where the children will learn a variety of different stitches and then design and make a pair of mittens.

PE

Monday – Gymnastics (inside)
Tuesday – Hockey (outside)

Religious Education: Holy

The children will explore the concept of Holy in Christianity.

Maths

- We will develop effective strategies for division and multiplication.
- We will learn about length and perimeter
- In Geometry, we will learn about 2D and 3D shapes, angles and symmetry

Science : States of Matter

We will learn to identify what is a solid, a gas and a liquid and the key differences between them. We will learn about the effect that heat has on a gas, a solid and a liquid. We will explore the water cycle.

Computing/RHE

In this crossover unit, we will be learning about how to keep safe online.

Music:

We will continue to develop our recorder playing skills, working towards our end of term performance.