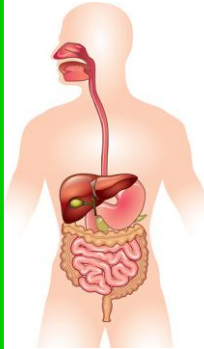


Science

We have just started our electricity unit. The children will be doing lots of practical work and investigations. We will also be looking at 'Animals including humans'. This is one of our favourite topics! The children will be looking in detail at the digestive system, which we will then recreate using everyday household materials! The children will create their own digestive system 3D posters and will also look at the different teeth and their functions.



Art and Design Technology

In design technology, we will be exploring existing textile designers and creating our own cushions! In art, we will be creating our own river paintings using acrylic paint. We will look at impressionism and the work of Claude Monet.

History

Our new History topic is local black history with the focus question 'What was the Lancashire cotton industry?' We will be using a range of sources to explore this time period and the significance of the cotton industry here in Lancashire.

Computing

The children will be looking at inputs and outputs as well as creating databases using Purple Mash.

PE

PE will continue to take place on a **Friday**. After the February half term, 4G will start swimming on a Monday and 4W will have 2 PE lessons in school on a Friday (4G will have one). Please can children continue to come to school in their PE kits on a Friday.



PSHE

This half term we will be teaching the children all about safety and the changing body.

RE

Our topics this term are:

Sikhism - How do Sikhs express their beliefs and values?

Christianity - Is sacrifice an important part of religious life?

Homework

Spellings will continue to be **given out on a Wednesday** and will be **tested the following Wednesday in class**. We will record the children's scores each week so that we can monitor their progress. Please remember to access Spelling Shed for games and activities to help your children with their spellings. Times table tests will also take place every Friday with Mrs Walmsley and Mr Woodrow.

Reading is encouraged three times per week. Please can we ask parents to log this on the new Boom Reader app so that we are able to keep a record of your child's reading journey. You can also add a reading log if you wish to with a comment. Please ask if you need help with this ☺

Contacting us

If you need to speak with us urgently, please contact the school office. Otherwise, send us a message on ClassDojo and we will get back to you as soon as possible.
Thank you - Mrs Ward and Mrs Gibirdi



Share in our Learning

Spring Term - Year 4

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and managed to spend some quality time with family and friends.

The Spring term has come around very quickly and the children have had a productive first week back at school. They have settled into their learning and are working hard which is great to see 😊

What's Coming Up?

We have got an action packed term coming up, including events such as languages day, science week, mental health awareness week and of course our year 4 class assembly which will be in March. The children will also be going on a trip to Helmsore Mill and to Cuerden Valley park to support their learning in history and geography.

Please keep an eye on the weekly school newsletter for more details.

Maths

In Maths, we are currently working on multiplication and division. Over the next few weeks, children will be focusing on written methods for these operations. When dividing, children have realised how important it is to be able to recall your times tables well.

By the end of Year 4, children should be confident in recalling all multiplication and division facts up to 12 X 12. Please support your child by practising regularly at home. It really does have a huge impact on their confidence in maths. Please revise the times tables that they already know so that they don't forget them!

We will also be looking at length and perimeter as well as starting work on fractions. This will include adding and subtracting fractions and finding equivalent fractions.



Have a look at the author's website to watch a trailer and listen to her read an extract of the book!

<https://www.hannahgold.world/#about-hannah>

English

This term, the children will be focusing on the following genres:

- Persuasion
- Narrative story openings
- Poems on a theme (linked to our work on rivers)

Within each unit of work, we will focus on developing the children's reading skills, sentence level work, spelling, vocabulary and presentation.

Class Reading

We are currently finishing off our Rumaysa text from last half term. We will then begin reading 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. This will tie in with our narrative unit in our English lessons. We will also read a selection of shorter non-fiction texts during guided reading sessions.

Don't forget to keep practising your times tables using **Times Table Rock Stars!** Other useful websites include Mathsframe and Topmarks - hit the button.