

Class 4 Curriculum—Autumn 2021

I hope that you find the following information useful in supporting your child in his or her work at school and at home. With this information to hand you will be able to talk to your child more about what they are doing at school and ask them questions about the specific topics. This information includes the main themes, ideas and topics which the children will experience. Planning is based on the requirements of the National Curriculum, the local agreed syllabus for Religious Education and specific non-statutory guidance.

Our whole school theme this term is 'Hidden Treasures'

Literacy

This term we are starting our Literacy topic with a persuasive letter linked to child labour and football kits. After that we will look at a non-chronological report linked to our Science topic this term. Using The Write Stuff approach we will then look at poetry and narrative linked to the Victorians.

Each week the children will be developing their comprehension skills and will be guided reading in book talk sessions, looking at both fiction and non fiction texts linked to the Victorians. We will start with Street Child by Berlie Doherty.

During lessons, the children will be given the opportunity to develop their speaking and listening skills through role play and debate too.

During the week the children will be learning new spellings and apply them into their writing.

Maths

Over the Autumn term the children will develop their understanding of maths using the 'White Rose Maths Scheme'. They will start with number, focusing on place value and the four operations. Year 6 will then be focusing on fractions and position and direction. Year 5 will focus on statistics and area and perimeter. Every Friday the children will also develop their quick fire mental strategies with Ninja maths and then work on their problem and solving and reasoning skills. Knowing the times tables to 12 x 12 is key to developing their understanding of maths, so any help at home practising would be great!

Science

This term the children will describe the differences between life cycle of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. They will also describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. They will describe how living things are classified into groups too as well as giving reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

Computing

Through computing, the children will learn about e-safety as well as starting a business learning specifically about spreadsheets, advertising, marketing and designing web pages.

Religious Education

In R.E this term, the children will be learning about Justice and Freedom. The topic will provide opportunities for children to explore and explain the concepts of justice and freedom; in relation to Christianity, Islam and Sikhism and to consider what each religion teaches about forgiveness and how reconciliation may take place.

MFL—French

In the Autumn term, we will be using the '1 languages programme' to learn about Classroom instructions, sports and opinions, weather, hobbies and pets. Once the children have mastered the pronunciation they will then turn the basics in to real life situations through drama and role play. We will then progress to writing conversations in French too.

History/Geography

'Victorians' is our topic this term. The children will learn all about Queen Victoria and her family. They will study census data that shows changes over time as well as learning about the railways and how this impacted on the lives of the Victorians. The children will also learn about Work houses, school, life for Victorian children and inventions. They will also investigate how the Victorians changed Burton Agnes and the local area.

Art and Design Technology

This term our art work will be linked to our theme of Hidden Treasures. We will be learning about the art work of David Hockney, a hidden treasure in our local community. The children will develop their drawing and painting techniques and then create their own piece of art work in the style of Hockney. In Design technology, the children will design and make their own apron or bonnet.

Music

Year 5 children will continue to learn the guitar this year and both year groups will develop their singing and percussion skills using Charanga.

Physical Education

In P.E, the children will develop their invasion game skills through hockey and basketball/netball. They will also develop their swimming skills.

Laughology

Through the Happy Centred schools program, this term the children will continue to work on positive relationships, building on the work from last year.

Enterprise

In preparation for the Christmas fair, the children will learn about enterprise skills needed to run a successful business. They will then design and make a product to sell at the Christmas fair.

Homework

On Friday, the children will receive either maths, Literacy, Science or Creative homework to complete which should be returned to school by Tuesday. In addition to this, children should try and read at least three times a week. This doesn't have to be just their reading book, it could be a newspaper, magazine, a website, recipes etc. Reading a range of genre really benefits the children when we visit different text types at school. Finally, any opportunity to practise times tables would be great, as they help enormously with all areas of maths. Don't forget 'Times Tables Rockstars'.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. I know the children in Year 5 and 6 love doing extra at home so if they do, please encourage them to bring it to school as I love to see what they have been up to.

Mrs Kemp