

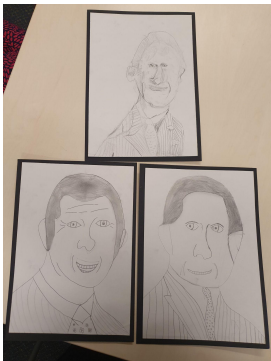


What we have been up to: In Year 4 we have been...

Decorating biscuits and making our own Christmas Tree Decorations. We then wrote a set of instructions for each of our creations.



Taking part in the 'House Art Competition' by sketching King Charles III:



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English

In English we will be focusing on 'Performance Poetry' where pupils will be learning how to practise performance poetry, focusing on tone, actions and facial expressions and then perform these to the class. Then we will be revising the features of newspaper reports and then writing our own, linked to events in our Whole Class Reading Text 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell.

How can I help at home?

- Share newspaper articles with pupils either using online articles, such as <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround> or printed newspapers.
- Ensure your child is participating in the reading challenge by reading out loud to you five times weekly and asking you to sign their planner.

Maths

In Maths, pupils will be continuing with Multiplication and Division, using the short multiplication written method for multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number (see image) and calculating divisions of 2 and 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number. Pupils will then be learning about 'Length and Perimeter' and starting to learn about 'Fractions'.

How can I help at home?

- Revise Year 4's Maths units from Autumn 2 using these workbooks: [Area](#) and [Multiplication and Division](#)
- Download the '1 Minute Maths' App from White Rose or use this [web link](#) with the code hot-mel-kid for your child to revise Multiplication and Division calculations.

Science

This half term, we will be focusing on 'Animals including humans' where pupils will learn about the digestive system and its functions, teeth and food chains. Pupils will also be learning about the different food groups and how this provides us with nutrients and energy.

How can I help at home?

- Have a conversation about your teeth and talk about the roles different teeth do when you eat.



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Curriculum:

PD

Our next unit is dreams and goals. We will be focusing on identifying our dreams and goals, how it may feel when our dreams and goals do not come true and how to overcome disappointment. We will also explore how we can plan steps to reaching our dreams and goals and the importance of being resilient.

History

Our History unit for this half term is Anglo-Saxons. During this unit we will learn about who the Anglo-Saxons were and what everyday life was like for them. We will also look at Alfred the Great and his role during this time period.

Computing

In Computing, we will be focusing on the 'computer science' strand. We will begin by looking at the important parts inside a computer. Then, we will move on to using the 'Scratch' website to begin programming and understanding how loops, inputs and outputs work.

PE

In Indoor PE, Year 4 classes will be focusing on the following: 4Tigers - Swimming, 4Leopards - Health and Fitness and 4Lions - Fundamentals.

In Outdoor PE, pupils will learning and playing Lacrosse.

Curriculum:

Performing Arts

Pupils study Performing Arts on a rotation. Pupils will have two terms of music, a half term of drama and a half term of dance. In drama with Mr Skeel, 4Leopards are exploring stories shared across the world. Pupils are learning how to rehearse and perform with a script and apply characterisation skills (voice, body language and facial expression) to tell a believable story to the audience. In music with Miss Green, 4Lions will be learning how to rehearse and perform a variety of songs, exploring genres and their conventions. Learning an instrument is an important life-long skill. Mr Serino will be teaching 4Tigers class this half term to play the recorder through the whole class recorder orchestra.

DT

In DT the pupils will be looking at how to design and build a free standing structure and will be testing their structural integrity.

RE

In RE this term, we will be focusing on the question 'How and why do people try and make the world a better place?' within this, we will identify and describe core beliefs and concepts and explore how people show their beliefs in the way they worship and in the way they live.

French

This half term pupils will learn parts of the body in French and learn to follow imperatives in French. We will read two stories Le loup (The Wolf) and Va-t'en-grand monstre vert (Go Away Big Green Monster). Using their knowledge of adjectives and parts of the body in French pupils will design and describe their own monster.

Reminders / Key Dates:

4th January - Return to school

9th January - 4Tigers begin swimming lessons each Monday this term.

2nd February - Number Day

6th February - Children's mental health week

10th February - Break Up for Half Term

Sharing Our Learning

We have launched new social media channels to help share the fantastic learning that is going on in our year group.

We'd love you to follow us and see what we've been up to:

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)