



Well done Year 4!

Well done for a wonderful start to the autumn term! We hope you have all enjoyed the first half term of Year 4. You have all been superstars and have made your teachers very proud. We hope you are ready for another action packed half term in the lead up to Christmas. It was great to catch up with so many of you in the parents' evenings and hopefully it helped to give you an idea of how your child is settling into Year 4 – thank you for giving up your time to attend these appointments we really appreciate your support. Please do remember, that if you have any concerns or need support with anything, to pop in and see us after school or ring the office to make an appointment.

Important Information and Reminders

Reading

Each child will receive a book banded reading book to take home with them with the expectation that children read this at least five times per week at home and record this in their reading records. This then needs to be signed by a parent or guardian at least once per week so that they can be entered into the weekly reading raffle on a Friday!

Homework

Homework will be sent out each week on a Friday and will be due in the following Wednesday. Each week the children will receive Maths homework (Times tables and Maths home learning, alternating from paper homework and homework set on Mathletics), spelling homework (5 spellings per week and a spelling task linked to this week's learning) and English homework (This will alternate between a comprehension and a grammar activity). The children also still have a log in for TT Rockstars and Reading Eggs and we ask that the children use this two times per week at home. If your child struggles with any of the home-learning tasks that are set each week, please feel free to ask us for any help or guidance. We are still running learning club before and after school for children to attend.

PE Kits and Uniform

The children will take part in two PE lessons per week, and they will need to have their PE kit in school at all times. Children must bring their P.E. kit in a drawstring gym bag and have a white t-shirt, blue/black P.E. shorts and black pumps or trainers. If you have any concerns regarding PE kits, please don't hesitate to contact us. We have been so impressed with how smart the children have looked on their return to school this year and thank you for all your support in ensuring the children have the correct uniform. Please can we just remind all parents that the children need to have a pair of school shoes to wear each day and that trainers should only be worn for PE lessons.



English

Class text: Leon and the Place Between by Graham Baker-Smith



The children will be writing a recount, in the form of Leon's secret diary about what really happened in 'the place between'. They will be building on prior knowledge of expanded noun phrases and conjunctions and will also be indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns.

Class text: The One and Only Ivan by Catherine Applegate

The children will be writing a persuasive letter in the form of a formal letter. They will also have additional writing opportunities throughout, including setting descriptions and diary entries.



Art

The children will be developing their print

making skills using different blocks, painting slabs and rollers.



History

The children will continue learning about Britain's settlement from the Anglo-Saxons and Scots.

Geography

The children will be learning about rivers in

geography this half term.



Maths

This half term the children will be learning about multiplication and division. They will begin by doing this mentally and then will learn the written method for multiplication and division. We will also continue to develop the children's times tables knowledge in preparation for the times table check at the end of Year 4.

Science

In science, our topic is 'Living things and their habitats'. Children will group living things in different ways and explore classification keys. They will also recap their prior knowledge on what makes an organism living using MRS GREN to support them.

Movement
Respiration
Sensitivity

Growth
Reproduction
Excretion
Nutrition



PE

The children will be developing their dynamic balancing and coordination skills. They will also be completing dance lessons.

RE – Christianity God

Children will explore the question: How and why might Christians use the Bible?



Design Technology

We will be continuing to explore Electrical Systems and how to make simple circuits and switches.

MFL – French

The children will be learning about discussing their local area and Christmas in French.

Computing

The children will be learning how to stay safe online as well as exploring creativity with technology.

Music

This term, the children will be learning the song, Stop! This focusses on grime music.

PSHE The children will be learning about respecting similarities and differences in people. They will be considering their identity and personal attributes and qualities and will learn about the importance of individuality and challenging stereotypes and assumptions.