

Year 4 Curriculum News

Autumn 2 2023

What we are looking at:

As historians, we will be focusing on the time period of the Stone Age. We will be looking at where the Stone Age falls in the chronology of known history, and how long of a period it was. We will then be comparing this knowledge with other areas of history. We will also be looking at the lifestyle of a Stone Age person, how they lived, what they did for entertainment, and what legacy they have left behind. In computing we will be looking at creating media, specifically digital photography. We will explore different ways of using photos and how we can edit them to fulfil a purpose. In RE we will be studying the question 'Does the Christmas narrative need Mary?' We will do this by looking at various stories from the Bible and assessing key figures' importance in them. As scientists, we will be looking at states of matter. We will experiment with different materials to study how and why they change composition, and we will be learning about materials that constitute a solid, liquid and gas. In DT, we will be researching, planning, designing and making a healthy sandwich. We will look at the techniques and tools that we will need as well as research and experiment with different textures, flavours and appearances to determine the best option. We will also look at a healthy diet, and how to ensure we meet the product specification.

Maths

This half term, children will continue to develop their mastery skills by following the White Rose scheme. The focus will be on multiplication and division, and measurement, specifically area. Children will continue to develop their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills. Children will use a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to prove their understanding of mathematical concepts, and will continue to make links across prior knowledge, and learnt units in maths.



English

For English this half term, children will continue to learn a range of grammatical concepts, and will be applying these in their own writing. They will have the opportunity to create their own pieces of writing, targeting a range of purposes.

We will also continue to develop our comprehension skills, through targeting our VIPERS skills. Our DEAR book this half term will be 'The Boy Who Swam With Piranhas' by David Almond.



Home Learning

Please continue to read with your child daily, and record what they have read in their home-school book. As well as listening to them read, please question your child about their understanding of the text. Continue to encourage your child to practise their weekly spellings. Homework will be set every Friday, and the deadline for completion will be the following Friday. As part of their math homework, children are expected to complete a minimum of 5 **garage games** on **TTRockstars**. Please do encourage your child to practise their times tables regularly. For English homework, children will either be assigned grammar questions on **spag.com**, or will have a reading comprehension to complete.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Year 4 Team.