



# Y4 Curriculum Newsletter

## Maths

This term children will extend their knowledge of number by using more efficient calculation methods. As children are expected to know all their times tables by the end of this year, there will be a strong emphasis on these. They will also further their understanding of finding area of shapes.

## English

This term children will be reading Michael Morpurgo's - Friend or Foe and The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis. The majority of work will be based upon these books. For example writing a letter home from the point of view of an evacuee and writing a description of Narnia.

## Science

In science children will be exploring states of matter and how matter changes from one state to another, sometimes reversibly and sometimes irreversibly.

Children will also be looking at living things and categorising animals by their characteristics.

## Computing & P.S.H.E

In computing this term the children will begin by taking on the role of a software developer. Children will be using code to program a game. Our P.S.H.E. theme for this term is religious understanding. It helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.

## History & Geography

Our history work will be based on the Ancient Greeks and the legacy left by them. We will be learning about historical sources and developing research skills.

In geography we will be learning about Volcanoes and Earthquakes. Children will learn how volcanoes are formed, why earthquakes happen and the impact they can have.

## Art & Design Technology

This term's art will link to our Friend or Foe book. The children will use water colours to create a Blitz skyline scene. Our design technology focus will be linked to the Ancient Greeks. Children will be tasting and evaluating different types of bread before making Greek flatbreads.

## P.E.

This term, children will be working on invasion game skills and also going swimming. On P.E. days, they will need to come to school wearing a red P.E. top, black shorts and trainers (in addition, suitable outdoor clothing can be worn in cooler weather e.g. tracksuit).

## Music & French

During music sessions, children will be using their bodies, along with other percussion instruments to make the sounds of the rainforest before studying Rock and Roll music.

In French, the children will revise Y3 vocabulary before moving on to look at the topic of families.