

English and Reading

In English lessons we will be focussing on the story of The Whale by Ethan and Vita Murrow. Children will develop their writing by focusing on using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and prepositions to write a narrative and newspaper report. Our reading is focusing on 'Leon and the Place Between' where children will learn a variety of reading skills linked to VIPERS.

Maths

During maths lessons this half term, we will be focussing on place value within 10,000 and addition and subtraction up to 10,000.

We will be spending extra time daily focusing on multiplication and division to prepare the children for the multiplication tables check (MTC).

This will be taken by all Year 4 children across the country in June 2025.



PSHE

Our PSHE topic for this half term is 'Families and Relationships'. We will explore boundaries in friendships, understand how our actions and words affect people. We will explore the impact of bullying and the role bystanders can take. Finally we will learn that all families are different and offer support.

Grammar



Grammar will be focusing on verb inflections, nouns, prepositions and fronted adverbials.

We will also be using a variety of nouns and pronouns to avoid repetition along with using inverted commas to indicate speech.



Year 4 Curriculum Overview - Autumn 1

Topic - Volcanoes



ART/DT

In ART, we will be working on the topic of 'Power Prints'. We will explore pencil tones, 3D effects, create a contrast and use different tools to create marks and patterns.

Geography

In Geography, we will be looking at 'volcanoes'. We will look at the four layers of the Earth and the different ways a mountain can be formed. We will explore volcanic classifications and the negative and positive consequences of living near a volcano.

Science



In Science, we will be looking at Animals including Humans: Digestion and Food. Specifically, we will be exploring the role of the digestive system, looking at the different types of teeth and comparing these. We will also explore the diets of different animals as part of a food chain.

RE



In RE we will be learning about ancient stories. We will be exploring how these ancient stories influence our modern celebrations. Christianity, Sikh, Hindu Dharma and Judaism will be explored during this topic.

PE

In PE this term, children will be developing their skills in football, looking at dribbling, passing, stopping and shooting. Please ensure that full PE kit is in school on both Tuesdays and Fridays.