



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2025: Mrs Banwell and Mrs Fitzsimmons



Dear parents,

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year. Our topic this half term will be 'Where does our food go?'

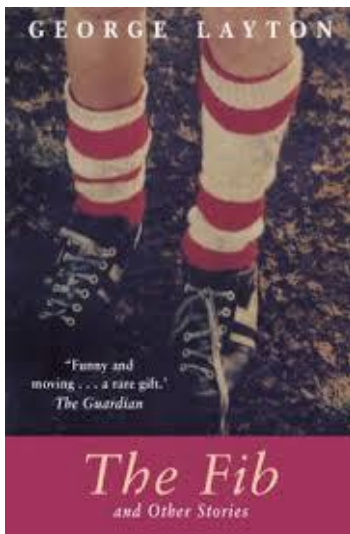
Religious Education – Come and See:

Please see the separate newsletter, which is also available on the school website, to see which topics we will be covering this term.

PSHE:

Our learning will focus on the question 'How can we manage our feelings?'

English:



Stories with issues and dilemmas

After reading *The Balaclava Story*, the children will write their own story where the main character will face a dilemma.

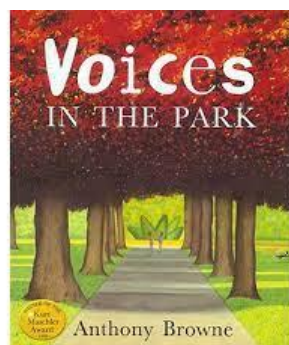
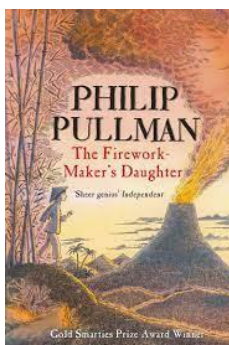
Persuasion

We will start this topic by identifying the features of persuasive TV adverts and persuasive writing. After exploring the techniques and language, the children will design their own gadget and persuade their classmates to buy it.

Poetry (taught by Mrs Fitzsimmons)

Poems based on the theme of animals and nature. After reading a range of poems, the children will write their own blackout poems and perform these.

Class novels this half term:



Ongoing English:

Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation will be taught within the English lessons. Guided reading, spellings and handwriting will also continue.

Mathematics:

This half term our key learning will focus on the following:

Multiplication & division

Factor pairs

Efficient multiplication

Written methods

Multiply 2-digits by 1-digit

Multiply 3-digits by 1-digit

Divide 2-digits by 1-digit

Divide 3-digits by 1-digit

Length and perimeter

Measure in kilometres and metres

Equivalent lengths

Perimeter on a grid

Perimeter of a rectangle and rectilinear shapes

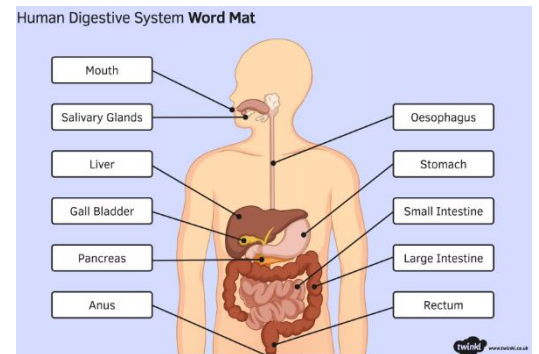
Finding missing lengths in rectilinear shapes

Perimeter of regular and irregular polygons

Science – Teeth and Digestion:

During this topic, the children will:

- Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.
- Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.
- Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.
- Describe how teeth and gums have to be cared for in order to keep them healthy.



Computing – Effective searching:

During this topic, the children will be learning to:

- Locate information on the search results page
- Use search effectively to find out information
- Assess whether an information source is true and reliable.

**Art – Painting and mixed media: light and dark
(taught by Mrs Fitzsimmons):**

The children will start by investigating different ways of applying paint and learning how to mix tints and shades of colour. They will then use tints and shades to give a three-dimensional effect when painting. To create their final piece, they will apply their new skills to sketch and paint their own still life composition.



Music – Mamma Mia:

During this unit, the children will listen to and appraise Mamma Mia and other Abba songs. They will build upon their knowledge and understanding of music through warm-up games, learning to sing the songs and playing instruments.

PE:

PE will be taught by Chorley School Sport Partnership on a Wednesday afternoon. Please could you make sure your child arrives at school on Wednesdays wearing their PE kit.

French:

Year 4 will have French lessons on Wednesday afternoons. They will be developing a basic vocabulary and confidence in speaking French through songs, games and varied speaking activities.



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Banwell and Mrs Fitzsimmons, Year 4 Teachers

With Christ, we live, we love, we learn, we grow