

Curriculum Newsletter for Parents- Year 4 Class teachers

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Your child will be working on the following curriculum during this term. Please feel free to talk to the Class teacher about any area of this curriculum.

Mathematics

Children will be moving onto our next topics which are: decimals, fractions: calculating, time and converting units, area and perimeter, position and direction and statistics.

We will be using our knowledge of place value and number to explore decimal and fraction problems and eventually apply these to reasoning questions. We will then explore measurement in terms of various units such as millilitres, litres, grams and kilograms. Perimeter and area will be revised and eventually applied to reasoning questions and then finally finishing the year with position, direction and statistics.

As well as work in school, any extra revision for their times table check will be greatly beneficial. Times table rockstars can be accessed through the login in your child's reading record and is an enjoyable way to practice.

If you require any help with your child's learning or have any questions about an upcoming topic, please feel free to ask a member of the Year 4 team.

English-

Our Tower

For this topic, we will be using the story 'Our Tower' to write our own environmental change narrative. We will use the characters from the story. We will also be writing character and setting descriptions, along with writing character speech.

Flotsam

For this topic, we will be looking at language choices and vocabulary within the text and how it is used. We will be note taking, practicing our joined handwriting skills, letters, Character description, writing in role and writing a Sea Creature Guide

Grammar

Fronted adverbials, noun phrases, possessive apostrophe (singular and plural) Alternative nouns, synonyms,

VIPERS

Daily reading-based learning to improve the quality of children's ability to read and understand the context they are reading

V- Vocabulary I- Inference P- Predict E- Explain R- Retrieve S- Summarise

Computing

In computing, we will be looking at how to use micro-bits to code and animate. We will be using different types of software to look at and create animation resources.

Science

Our Science topic will be about 'Dangers to living things' and 'Grouping Living Things'. We will be classifying animals and looking at how they adapt and survive in their habitats, also we will be studying food chains.

P.E.

For indoor and outdoor P.E. that this term we will be focusing on movement, ball skills and athletics. Additionally, please remember to bring in your PE kit.

For your PE kit you will need: shorts or jogging bottoms (navy blue), a school PE top (navy blue) and plimsolls.

Music

Practical music lesson alongside music theory and understanding. This term we are exploring The song Blackbirds by the Beatles. We will look at the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), along with singing and playing instruments.

PSHE

This term, the topics will link to online safety regarding chatting online and sharing online. We will then move on to keeping our bodies safe regarding drugs, tobacco and first aid.

Art/DT

Sculpture and 3D/ Mechanical cars

We will be looking at changing 2D drawings into 3D drawings using shading and tones. We are also looking at creating 3D sculptures using different materials.

Geography

Volcanoes

This half term we will be studying volcanoes. We will be identifying the key aspects, statistics as well as looking at advantages and disadvantages of living near volcanoes. We will be using atlases, globes and digital mapping to locate different countries and volcanoes throughout the world. We will also be looking at how and why volcanoes erupt and the effect on the Earth's plates when this happens.

Trips and Assemblies

Year 4 will be going to the Brentwood Cathedral for the morning, we will return by lunch time. 4M on Tuesday 21st April 2026.
4W Tuesday 5th May 2026.

The Year 4 MTC test will be in June 2026