

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross - Spring Term 2024

We are Year 4: 4R, 4B, 4T



Welcome to Year 4

Welcome back Year 4; we hope you had a restful and enjoyable break! We have lots of exciting topics this term, which will provide the children with rich and varied experiences. In English, we will begin the term by exploring the children's classic, 'Matilda' and 'The Wolf's Footprint', where the children will be writing stories and non-chronological reports. We will also be continuing our focus on times tables, in preparation for the statutory Multiplication Table Check in June. Although the new term will be filled with lots of hard work, we will also ensure that the children have plenty of fun along the way.

P.E.

In PE this term, children will be learning gymnastics, dance, ball skills and OAA.

All children in Year 4 will have 2 PE lessons each week.

4T: Thursday & Friday

4B: Tuesday & Thursday

4R: Monday & Thursday

Home reading

Please do continue to read **daily** with your children and remind your child to bring in their reading record so we can see all of their hard work. We will have a weekly library session when children can change their books, however they are also welcome to bring their own book from home.

Useful websites to help with homework

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztvckqt>
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/index.html>

Topics we will be studying this term...

History - The Mayans

Geography - Mountain Regions

Science - States of Matter

Religion and World Views - What does sacrifice mean?

What are we learning this term?

Maths

In maths, we will begin the term by studying geometry. We will also be learning about written methods for multiplication and division. Towards the end of the term, we will be focusing on area and fractions (equivalencies, fractions of amounts etc.). Pupils will also complete a weekly mental maths test in class and daily calculations to support their fluency in the four methods of calculation.

English

We will start the Spring term by reading 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl, giving children the opportunity to develop their writing using dialogue. Finally, we will be reading 'The Wolf's Footprint' by Susan Price, which children will use as a stimulus to create non-chronological reports.

History

Our history topic this term focuses on The Mayan civilisation. The children will learn about what life was like, Mayan rituals and ceremonies, and the lasting impact of the civilisation.

Science

In science, we will be studying and investigating states of matter throughout the Spring term. Children will be learning about the properties of the three states, how they change and the melting points of different solids. They will be carrying out experiments to support their learning.

Geography

In geography, children will be learning about mountain regions. They will research where mountains are found, how they are formed, the features of a mountain and the nature of mountainous climates. They will also be locating the Rocky Mountains on a map.

Art/DT

In art, children will be studying life in colour. The children will be learning about contrasting tones, proportion and prints. For DT, children will be cooking. They will follow a recipe to cook and evaluate their own biscuits.

Also...

In Year 4, homework will be set online. There will be no homework books.

MyMaths - 2x tasks weekly

TTRS - please aim for 3x per week

Spelling Shed - weekly

Children should have their logins provided.

Children should practise their spellings online, ready for a spelling test each Friday.

