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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter



English

Biography: children will learn about Neil Armstrong and his career path, focusing on his childhood and what made him successful. They will develop report writing skills and explore the non-fiction genre.

Ghost stories: children will find out what makes a successful ghost story. They will experiment with using descriptive language to create suspense and finish the topic by writing a short story of their own.

Spelling and Grammar: children will learn about fronted adverbials, nouns, pronouns, adverbs, adjectives and conjunctions, as well as revise the use of capital letters and basic sentence punctuation.

Mathematics

Our focus is on developing children's ability to perform mental calculations and use formal written methods for the four number operations with up to 4-digit numbers. We will tell the time using analogue and digital clocks and understand how to solve time problems presented in different ways. Children will work in pairs and small groups to discuss problems and explain solutions using the correct vocabulary. 3D shapes and their properties; coordinates; and measuring in g, kg, km, cm and mm will also be studied. Children will work in differentiated groups on Fridays focusing on mathematical 'key skills'.

Science

Teeth and digestion: healthy eating, looking after teeth and how our digestive system works.

Sound: how sound travels, how our ears work and interpreting scientific information in tables, diagrams and text.

Computing

Typing skills: practising keyboard skills and improving the accuracy and speed at which children type.

Creating word documents: importing pictures and designing documents for different purposes.



PE

Invasion games and marking skills: focusing on the rules of invasion games and how to work as a team.

Gymnastics: looking at how we use our body to create a variety of shapes and sequences of movements.

RE

Special people: looking at special people in our lives and people of significance from the Bible.
The Christmas story: looking at different points of view about the Nativity.

History

Ancient Greeks: the legacy of the Ancient Greeks. Focusing on architecture, inventions, key events and significant people such as Aristotle and Pythagorus. Children will learn that we still use ideas thought up by the Ancient Greeks.

Geography

Mapping and our European Neighbours: developing map reading skills and understanding compass directions. Children will learn about the geography of our European neighbours, as well as some of their customs and traditions.

Art & Design

Drawing skills: developing and refining the skills of sketching, shading, hatching and colouring to create final pieces in the style of famous artists such as L S Lowry.

PSHE

Mind Up: focusing on how to improve and enhance thinking skills with an increasing understanding of how the brain works.
Developing children's ability to reflect on their own behaviour, attitude and attainment.

French

Basic conversational French: talking about ourselves, asking simple questions and giving appropriate answers.

Music

We will focus on singing skills which will be practised every Tuesday and then in our Christmas production.

Important Information

- PE: this will take place every Monday and Friday during the Autumn term. 4C on Monday and 4G on Friday. Please have a PE kit in school every week. If children's ears are pierced, earrings should be removed prior to coming to school or be able to be removed by the child.
- Homework: please provide at least 10-15 minutes' reading time each day. Practise times tables each week. A Literacy or Maths homework task will be given each week. This will be handed out on a **Thursday** and must be back in school the following **Tuesday**. Smilies will be awarded for homework handed in on time which is completed to a good standard.
- Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated. Please do not send juice, squash or other sugary drinks.
- Children are encouraged to bring a bag to school to take home letters, homework, etc.
- If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher for any reason, please inform the office who will make an appointment for you.