

# Granby Primary School

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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.

Narrative: children will use rich vocabulary and varied sentence structures to produce a story based on the book 'The Lost Happy Endings'.

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. We will also study 3D shapes and their properties; coordinates; and measuring in g, kg, km, cm and mm. 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

Online safety will be studied throughout the whole term within computer lessons as well as two units of work covering coding and spreadsheets using our NEW computer room.



### PE

Invasion games: focusing on the rules of well-known invasion games and working as a team.  
Gymnastics: looking at how we use our body to create a variety of shapes and sequences of movements. 4L – gymnastics then invasion games.  
4C – invasion games then gymnastics.

### RE

People of Faith: looking at special people in our own lives and people of significance from other faiths and religions.  
Christianity: learning about the key teachings, customs and practices of the Christian faith.

### History

Romans in Britain: focusing on the invasion of Britain. Learning about important figures, including Boudicca; aspects of daily life; and what the Romans left behind.

### Geography

Certain aspects of geography will be taught through other areas of the curriculum. However, this subject will be studied in more depth in the spring term.

### Art & Design

We will be linking art and design to our history topic: creating collages/printing.  
We will be creating a car focusing on the design process.

### PSHCE

We will be focusing upon the 'Bounce Back' programme, which includes activities focussing on feelings, emotions, and how to cope with change. We also learn about 'The Granby Way': 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

Unfortunately, because of COVID guidelines singing cannot be currently be taught in school. However, each class will have a half term of ukulele lessons in autumn, spring and summer.

### Important Information

- PE: this will take place every **Wednesday** during the Autumn Term. Please ensure that children come to school with PE kit on for the school day (see PE kit requirements). If children's ears are pierced, earrings should be removed prior to coming to school or be able to be removed by the child without adult support. Please remember invasion games is outdoors and gymnastics will be indoors.
- 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**. Homework is not be expected to be returned to school.
- 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 as these are not permitted in class.
- 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.