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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

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English

We will be reading the text *Atlas of Adventures* to create our own persuasive texts about a destination around the world. Then we will be writing a series of poems in a poetry block focusing on creating imagery through the use of language. We will also be using the story *Manfred the Baddie* to create an explanation text of a machine we will design ourselves. Before Christmas we will write a spooky story based on the story *The Ghost Thief*. 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 key mathematical skills in their 'Big Maths' lessons.

Science

Our teeth and digestion topic focusses on healthy eating; looking after teeth; and how our digestive system works. Our sound topic looks at 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 completing two units of work covering coding and spreadsheets, using our computer room and other technologies.



PE

Our coordination lessons will focus on ability, balance and footwork. Our dance lessons will look at how we use our body to create a variety of shapes and sequences. Our PE day is **Monday** and we will swim every week on Fridays.

RE

We will study 'People of Faith', looking at special people in our own lives and people of significance from other faiths and religions. In our Christianity topic we will learn about the key teachings, customs and practices of the Christian faith.

History

Our topic 'Romans in Britain' focuses on the invasion of Britain and why it happened. Pupils learn about important figures, including Boudicca; aspects of daily life; what the Romans believed; Roman Leicester; and what the Romans left behind and their legacy.

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 when we learn about volcanoes. Developing further on Roman history, we will be looking at Pompeii in relation to this.

Art & Design Technology

We will be linking our art lessons to our history topic by creating collages and prints inspired by the Romans. In design and technology, we will be creating a car, focusing on the design process and construction.

PSHCE

We will be focusing on citizenship and looking at rights, rules and responsibilities and completing a unit on healthy and safe lifestyles. We also learn about 'The Granby Way': developing children's ability to reflect on their own behaviour, attitude and attainment.

French

We will be learning some basic conversational French, talking about ourselves, asking simple questions and giving appropriate answers. We will also develop our ability to talk about our age and birthdays.

Music

This term we are looking at music from ancient worlds, exploring their structures, sounds, beats and thinking about how pitch is used around the world. Pupils will be involved in group performances.

Important Information

- PE: this will take place every **Monday** 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 removed by the child without adult support. Please note that 4L and 4W will alternate termly between indoor and outdoors. We will also be swimming weekly on **Friday** so please ensure your child has the appropriate kit on the day, but that they still come dressed in school uniform.
- Homework: please provide at least 10-15 minutes reading 3 times a week [more would be great] and practise times tables each week using Times Table Rock Stars. Can you ensure your child's reading book and reading record comes to school every day so we can read and monitor children's progress. A Literacy, Maths or Topic homework task will be given each week. This will be handed out on a **Friday**. Homework will be expected to be returned to school by **Wednesday** the following week.
- 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.