



Autumn Term in Year 4

TEACHING STAFF

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HOMEWORK

Mathematics homework will be set on Fridays, and checked on Thursdays. We will be using the online programme, Doodle Learning, with a combination of 'Daily Doodles', and targeted assignments. Both Doodle Maths and Times Table Rockstars are encouraged for times tables practice, as children are expected to know up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4.

Children will also have access to online spellings practice, to support their English. In addition, your child will be given spelling cards with the common words they are expected to know by the end of Year 4.

Please support your child at home by ensuring they read at least 3 times a week.

PE DAYS

Your child will have PE on **TUESDAY and THURSDAY**

Please ensure your child is wearing their full kit in school on these days.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jeans for Genes Day: 20th September
Maths Apps Meeting: 20th September
Harvest Celebration: 7th October
Parents' Consultations: 22nd/24th October
Half Term : 28th October - 1st November
Year 4 Class Assembly: 29th November
End of Term: 20th December

Session 5	History or Geography	RE	Science	ICT	Art
Session 4		English		PE	PSHE
Session 3	Spellings Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	French
Session 2	English	Swimming	English	English	Mathematics
Session 1	Assembly	Swimming	Singing Assembly (fortnightly)	Talk Maths	Assembly
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday

English

During this term, our whole class Fiction text is 'Varjak Paw' by S.F. Said, which we will use to develop our comprehension skills, as well as to analyse character relationships. Studying the key events will inspire our writing, as we focus on setting descriptions, diary entries and persuasive letters.

After half-term, we will explore performance poetry, before moving on to writing our own Fireworks Poem.

Our Non-Fiction work, later on in the term will be to focus on 'Information Texts'. Children will work in groups to create an information fact-file, about an animal of their choice.

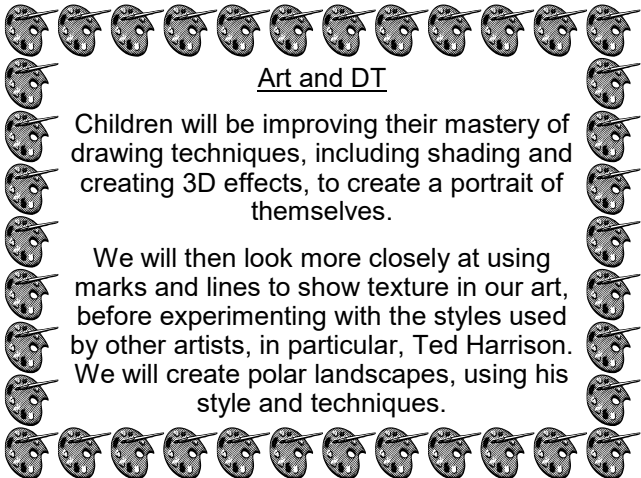
Mathematics

Topics covered this term include place value, addition and subtraction, area and multiplication and division.

To support at home, please encourage regular times table practice.

PE

As part of PE this term, Year 4 will be swimming on a Tuesday. Please make sure they bring their correct swimming kit into school. On Thursdays, Mr Smith will be looking at attacking and defending skills, in invasion games. Please make sure your children come to school in their PE kit



Art and DT

Children will be improving their mastery of drawing techniques, including shading and creating 3D effects, to create a portrait of themselves.

We will then look more closely at using marks and lines to show texture in our art, before experimenting with the styles used by other artists, in particular, Ted Harrison. We will create polar landscapes, using his style and techniques.



PSHE

The children will discuss ways in which families can offer protection and care for one another, and how they support each other in times of difficulty.

We will also explore healthy friendships, learn strategies for including others and how to seek out help when lonely, Also, how to recognise who to trust.

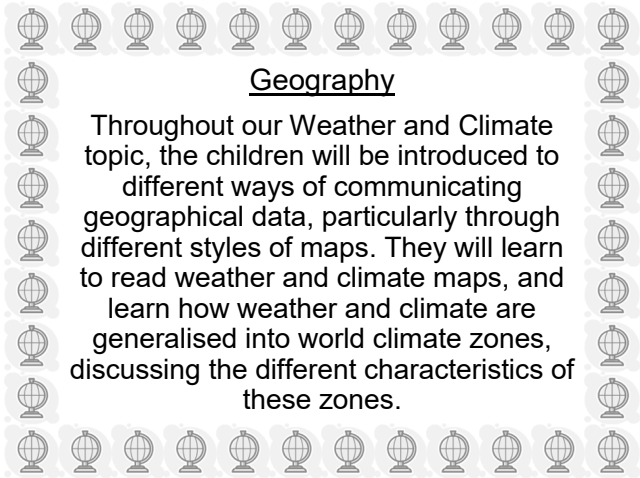


Science

Our beginning topic for this Term is Grouping and Classifying Living Things.

The children will explore the different features of living things, discussing ways of grouping them into various animal types.

States of Matter, our topic for the second part of the term will explore the relationship between solids, liquids and gases. Both topics will be explored through investigations, experiments and practical activities.



Geography

Throughout our Weather and Climate topic, the children will be introduced to different ways of communicating geographical data, particularly through different styles of maps. They will learn to read weather and climate maps, and learn how weather and climate are generalised into world climate zones, discussing the different characteristics of these zones.



Year 4 Autumn Curriculum



History

In History, Year 4 will be learning about Ancient Egypt, exploring who the Ancient Egyptians were and what they did, discussing whether Ancient Egypt deserves its reputation as being one of the most important, early civilisations. We will also look at the Shang Dynasty of Ancient China, Ancient Sumer and the Indus Valley Civilisations.



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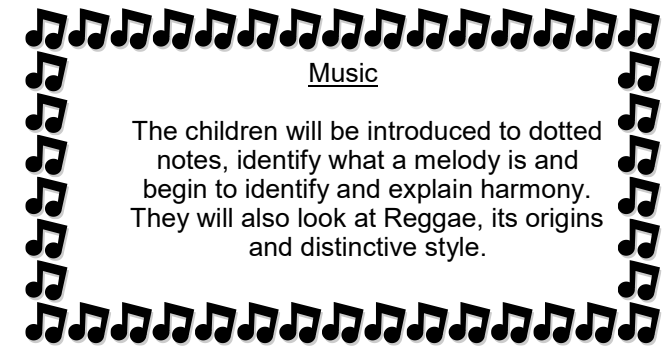
Throughout the term we will be looking at Beliefs and Practices, describing and comparing features of religions or worldviews.



ICT

This term, the children will be looking at programming and how they can create simple programmes. They will write for different purposes online and will experiment with using different fonts.

Children will also look at online safety and how to protect themselves from online fraud.



Music

The children will be introduced to dotted notes, identify what a melody is and begin to identify and explain harmony. They will also look at Reggae, its origins and distinctive style.



MFL

Extending our knowledge of French vocabulary, we will be describing ourselves and others.