

Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back year 4. This term we have lots of learning to enjoy together. We are enjoying using the Primary Knowledge

Curriculum planning materials to become experts.



English: We will be starting the term off by engaging with a short film: The Black Hat and writing our own children's story. To celebrate Black History Month we will base our writing on the book: *Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush*. In Autumn 2 we will be celebrating Shakespeare throughout the school and working on his play, *Julius Caesar*. We will also be using *The Odyssey* to delve into Greek myths and writing our own adventure story.

Maths: We are starting to use our new maths scheme from White Rose Maths. Each unit is studied over a number of weeks to allow the children to embed their understanding. We will cover place value, addition and subtraction, area and multiplication and division.

Your child is expected to know up to the 12 x tables by the end of year 4. Each week they will focus on a times table to learn and will not progress to the next timetable until they have mastered each one. Our weekly multiplication test is on a Friday.

Practical activities to do at home: Please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and look at bus and train timetables when possible. It would be great if they could get involved in shopping by working out totals and change.

History: We will be studying Ancient Greece using the Primary Knowledge Curriculum resources for the whole term in History. A great museum to visit in Britain to learn more about Ancient Greece is the British Museum in London.

Geography: In Autumn 1 we will be improving our Geographical skills through our Primary Knowledge Curriculum unit on Spatial sense. We will look at globes and where the tropics are, our local area and its changes over time and the geography of Mediterranean Europe. In Autumn 2 we will be studying Mediterranean Europe.

Science: We will be using the Primary Knowledge Curriculum to study the Human Body's muscular, skeletal, nervous and digestive systems in Autumn 1. Our topic for Autumn 2 is the Classification of Plants and Animals.

RE: In Autumn 1 we will be studying Hinduism. We will look at what Hindus believe God is like by looking at stories and texts to consider how deities show the qualities of Brahman. In Autumn 2, we will continue to study Hinduism and what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today through examining Puja at home, worship in the mandir and the festival of Diwali.

Art and Design: In Autumn 1 we will be developing our artistic skills through considering Light in art. In Autumn 2 we will study a DT unit on Designing a Pavilion.

Upcoming Events

**PE on Tuesday and Thursday .
Please make sure children
come to school in their PE
kits.**

Library: Monday

Homework:

Spellings are set on Friday and tested on Friday. These will be allocated in both the spelling book and on [spellingframe.com](https://www.spellingframe.com)

Daily reading- please record in your child's reading record daily.

Homework is set on Wednesday and due in the following Wednesday.

Doodle Maths and Doodle timestables: daily practice is encouraged.

Times tables are tested and set on Friday.

Computing: In Autumn 1 we will be working on Computing Systems and networks. Then in Autumn 2 we will work on Creating Media through audio editing.

Music: In Autumn 1 we will be enjoying learning about Rock and Roll and in Autumn 2 we will be developing our percussion skills based on the rainforest.

French: We will continue to develop our French skills by studying the topics Je Peux and Les Legumes.

PHSE: In Autumn 1 we will focus on Being Me in My World and in Autumn 2 we will learn about Celebrating differences.

Cold weather: Please ensure your child brings a coat everyday as the weather gets colder and for outside P.E they can wear tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt.