
Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back year 4. This term we have lots of learning to enjoy together. We are developing our use of the Primary Knowledge Curriculum planning materials to become experts.



Upcoming Events

PE on Monday and Wednesday . Please make sure children come to school in their PE kits.

Library: Monday

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 share with Year 1. 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 will be using our multiplication and division facts to find different fractions of numbers so the children will need to be secure on their times tables facts up to the 12 x table.

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. Your child is expected to know up to the 12 x tables by the end of year 4, the tables your child is working on will be noted down in their timestable book. Our weekly multiplication test is on a Tuesday.

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.

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.

Homework:

Spellings are set on Friday and tested on Friday. These will be allocated in both the spelling book and on spellingframe.com

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

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

Doodle Maths and Doodle timestables: daily practice is encouraged.

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 the topic All Around Town throughout the Autumn Term.

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.