

Curriculum Overview Year 4: Autumn

All children should be reading aloud to an adult every day.

General reminders:

Please remember that home learning needs to be returned on a Tuesday. New home learning will be set on a Friday. Reading records and books should be brought to school every day. PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday. Year 4 also has 4 weeks of fit-kids activities and sessions of active maths.

Maths.

This term we will be exploring place value. We will be comparing and ordering numbers beyond 1000 as well as rounding and estimating. We will be learning to use mental strategies for addition and subtraction and formal written methods. We will be consolidating our knowledge of the 2, 10 and 5 times tables from ks1 as well as the 3, 4 and 8 times tables from year 3 before moving onto the 6, 7 and 9 times tables. Next we will focus on measure, including conversions and estimation.

English

Our first unit of work is based around the book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope.' We will be writing our very own graphic novels to entertain our readers.

We will be exploring persuasion in, 'The King Who Banned the Dark,' where we will write compelling speeches. Finally, we will explore poetry with, 'A Small Dragon,' by Brian Pattern.

Geography

We will be looking at why rainforests are important. We will learn about the features of the Amazon rainforest, describe the four layers of the rainforest and how humans may be having a negative impact on the rainforest. We will learn about trees, plants and how indigenous people use the resources of the rainforest.

Key books



Science

In Science we will be looking at animals including humans with a focus on digestion and food. We will learn about key organs in the digestive system and their functions. We will describe the functions of the four different types of adult, human teeth and know that good dental care involves brushing their teeth twice a day with toothpaste.

Art

Our art topic is entitled 'Power Prints'. We will learn about sketching and creating different tones. We will be creating a sense of proportion within pencil drawings. We will move onto drawing with scissors, making wax resist pictures and designing prints.

History

Year 4 will be looking at how children's lives have changed throughout history. We will consider the Tudors and the Victorians exploring leisure activities and child health.

Music

In music we will be learning to play an instrument. This is an exciting opportunity to explore and create music with an orchestral instrument as well as hopefully inspiring our children to explore music further in the future.

RE

In RE, Year 4 we will be exploring what holds communities together. We will also look at the big question, 'Is there a God and what difference does it make to believe in God?'

PSHE

Being me in my world. In year 4, we will be learning who is in our community and how we fit in. We will learn how our actions affect ourselves and others. We will learn how people can come together to make decisions.

Computing

In computing we will learn about computing systems and networks. We will learn how to work on a collaborative document, plan and create a Microsoft form with a range of question types.

DT

We will be learning about structures, producing a range of free-standing frame structures of different shapes and sizes.

Spanish:

We will learn how say and read the date. We will also learn to talk about our pets.