

Curriculum Letter for Year 4 - Autumn Term 1 2023

General Information

A very warm welcome to Year 4! The children all look very smart and have settled in well. They are becoming familiar with all the class routines and expectations around the school. We also look forward to an exciting history trip to London!

Curriculum

Maths: This half term we will be consolidating their understanding of place value of numbers up to four digits. We will then be solidifying their knowledge of addition and subtraction. All children are expected to know their times tables up to 12x by the end of Y4. We will be practicing our recall skills weekly.

English: We have started the year with a theme of legends by studying the text '*The Mermaid of Zennor*'. The children will be writing their own independent story following this genre. This will be followed by '*The Story of Tutankhamun*', which is a text that links to our Ancient Egyptian history topic.

Science: Our first science unit is 'Living Things'. The children will group living things in a variety of ways and will use classification keys to record this scientifically. We will look at dangers to living things and the importance of looking after our environment.

History: We start by continuing the children's understanding of chronology. They will learn about the main achievements of the Ancient Egyptians, learning new vocabulary relating to this. We have also booked a trip to the British Museum, to visit the Ancient Egyptian exhibition.

Art: This half term we will be exploring repeating patterns and understanding how art is made for different purposes. We will be looking at the work and style of *William Morris*, taking inspiration for our own artwork. We finish the unit creating fabric design using the art technique called *batik*.

Music: We will be listening to and appraising the songs of ABBA! We will also be using glockenspiels and recorders to compose and improvise with the songs.

RE: We will be learning about the key people in The Old Testament and how their belief in God had an effect on their actions. Key individuals include Abraham, Moses and Ruth.

PSHE: This half term we will be exploring families and relationships. We will be exploring how to maintain healthy friendships through respect, manners and taking the time to consider how our behaviour affects others. We will then explore the stereotypes of gender and disability.

French: Developing our vocabulary will continue, focusing on pronunciation and presenting myself.

Class Reads: As well as our texts linked to English we will be reading '*Run Wild*' by Jill Lewis.

PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Tuesdays with Coach Romaine. All children must wear their PE kits to school. We also have indoor PE on Thursday. Indoor PE kits stay in school.



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Reading and Spellings

Reading is an essential skill, and we would like to foster a love of reading both in and outside school. Please make time for your child to read with you and for your child to be read to, also. We will also be teaching spelling patterns and rules in class.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. Mrs Hill or Mr Cook will post on the *Microsoft Teams* wall to indicate what the homework is for that week. It may be an assignment on Teams, or a task set on MyMaths or Purple Mash.

Our Knowledge Organisers are available in Teams under 'Files' so please use this to help support your child's learning in school at home, too. They are a great way to start conversations about what we are doing at school each week.

Key Dates and events

British Museum Trip	Thursday 28 th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Friday 29 th September
Harvest Service led by 4B	Friday 13 th October
Half term	Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th October
Black History Month	October 2023
INSET day - School closed.	Monday 30 th October.
Y3 and Y4 Coffee Morning	Friday 3 rd November