

Curriculum Letter for Year 4 - Autumn Term 2 2023

General Information

Welcome back after a well-earned half term break. This term, we have started our Book Club in Year 4 and look forward to lots more children joining throughout the year.

Curriculum

Maths: This half term we will start with our topic on **Multiplication and Division**, focusing on formal written methods for both of these. 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. This will be followed by **Discrete and Continuous Data**, looking at different ways to represent data. We will learn how to read and interpret bar charts, time graphs and pictograms.

English: We have started this term with a theme of imagination and creativity. Our first book that we are currently reading is '**Tar Beach**' by Faith Ringgold and this will be followed by '**Farther**' by Grahame Baker-Smith. We will be creating setting descriptions using our five senses and looking to use advanced vocabulary to create noun phrases to describe a character. We will also be creating story maps to sequence key events from a story chronologically.

Science: This half-term's topic is '**The Big Build**.' We will be learning about different types of structures and how they are reinforced to make them strong. The children will have a go at making their own structures out of different materials using what they have learned.

Geography: We begin our Geography lessons with '**The Americas**', which will focus on the cities and states of America, taking us on a great American road trip! We will focus on geographical skills and vocabulary, such as compass points and map reading.

DT: Our first DT topic is '**Pavilions**' which links with our Science topic. We will be making and decorating our own *pavilions* while focusing on structures and their stability.

Music: In '**Glock Stage 2**' we will also be using glockenspiels and recorders to compose and improvise our own songs.

RE: We will begin with '**What are the Beatitudes and what do they mean for Christians?**'. After this, we will be exploring our Christmas unit '**Is the Christmas message of peace still relevant in today's world?**' where we will be discussing the message behind Christmas and what it means for Christians.

PSHE: This half term we will continue 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. We will then move on to '**Economic Wellbeing**'.

French: We will be learning how to talk about the members of our family in our French topic '**Ma Famille**'.

Class Reads: As well as our texts linked to English we will be reading '**The Firework Maker's Daughter**' by Philip Pullman.

With God's love, we live, learn and grow together

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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.

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

Odd Socks Day	Monday 13 th November
Parent and Teacher Meetings	Tuesday 14 th November and Thursday 16 th November
PTA Fair	Friday 24 th November
End of Term	Wednesday 20 th December (2pm)