



Year 4 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to Year 4! We are so pleased to see everyone back to school ready to learn and have fun. This newsletter outlines the curriculum the children will be provided with in the Autumn Term. As always, your support with encouraging your child to complete their homework and reading is greatly appreciated. Please ensure that you speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.
Mrs Gell and Mr Greysmith

English

The children will build on the skills they learnt in Y3 and will also be taught a range of new grammar skills through daily lessons. They will use the skills they have learnt to complete an extended piece of writing for different writing genres. We will link our writing to our topic work. The types of writing genres we will focus on this term include:

- Personal Blog
- Non-fiction – Indian in the cupboard Diary
- Advert for New York City
- Report-Native Americans
- Narrative-Pandora's box
- Narrative- Icarus and Daedalus

Children will have VIPERS sessions 4 times per week. The texts that we will look at this term are: The Indian in the Cupboard and Who let the gods out?

French



The children will have a weekly session of French using a range of games, songs and activities to embed new vocabulary.

PE

Children will be taught PE by Mr Burke on a **Thursday**. Please remember kit consists of: white tshirt, black or red shorts, dark joggers (no visible brands), black trainers. The first topic will be invasion games.

RSE

This term, we will be focussing on the core theme of relationships as well as health and wellbeing. Our first lessons focus on frustration and resilience.

Maths

Children will consolidate knowledge and understanding of place value, practising fundamental skills regularly. We will learn formal written methods for both addition and subtraction and will apply these skills over a wide range of context using up to 4 digit numbers. Children will develop their understanding of the number system to 10,000 to calculate with confidence, reasoning and problem solving. Daily fluency and retrieval are embedded into our curriculum to ensure increasing confidence with number.

Regular times tables practise is crucial in Year 4 (both in school and at home) Times Table Rock Stars is great for this! Children are expected to know all of their tables up to 12x12 by the Summer term.

Art and DT

Our art and DT lessons will be linked to our history and geography topics.

Our first DT project will be Totem Poles.



RE



Our first topic will be Diwali the festival of light. Diwali is celebrated on Monday 24th October 2022. After half term, our focus will be on Christianity. Our topic is "What is the "Big Story" of Christmas?"

Science

Our first science topic is Sound. We will be investigating how sound is made and the relationships between the pitch of a sound and the object that made it and volume and strength of vibration.

After half term, we will look at electricity and carry out investigations constructing electrical circuits.

History and Geography



Road Trip USA

In this topic we cover geography and history. The children will learn about geographical features of the USA along with map skills. We also learn about the history of the Native Americans. We complete a range of art and DT activities during this topic.

As we can't go on our annual trip for this topic, we have an exciting day planned in school. More details to follow.

Gods and Mortals



The children will continue with their and will learn the history of Greece.

Ancient Greece- Understand the timeline of ancient Greek events, research important Greek figures, compare two ancient Greek city states and compare the different soldiers from this time.

Modern Greece- Compare geographical feature of Greece and the UK.

Important Apps



We use **Marvellous Me** as a way to communicate with parents and as part of our rewards systems.

All homework will be set via SeeSaw and therefore it is essential that this is checked regularly by parents and carers. This is monitored by all school staff.