

Autumn Term 2024

Here's a summary of what Class 4 will be covering this term.



English Initially the class will focus on the structure of biographical writing. Through analysis of texts, drama activities and grammar focused learning, they will develop their skills writing first about the life of Mary Anning then adapting this style of writing to create a fiction character's biography. After, there will be a visual skills unit to develop figurative language within narrative writing. After half term, children will engage with poetry and also non-fiction explanation texts before returning to narrative and exploring genres through the analysis of *Hermelin* by Mini Grey.

Weekly guided reading sessions will develop vocabulary, understanding and reading fluency, using texts that support other areas of the curriculum. The novel used will be *Charlie and Me* by Mark Lowery this term.

Maths Units this term will cover: number and place value reasoning; multiplicative reasoning; additive reasoning 1, 2 and 3; fraction reasoning and algebraic reasoning. Year 6 will also begin to practise SATS style questions.

RE The term will start with the children being archaeologists on a dig, where they will discover exciting evidence about God's rescue plan. We will then explore sacred texts from some world's religions to see how they shape people's beliefs and practices. We will then use the Christmas story to explore how Jesus is light. He created it, brought it to the world when He arrived, used it to guide people to Him and shares it with us in our lives every day.

History and Geography With an overarching topic 'The Egyptians' children will partake in history and geography on alternate weeks through the Autumn term. Focusing on the social, cultural and religious diversity of past civilisations the class will study pharaohs; Akhenaten, Hatshepsut and Cleopatra. In geography they will look at the Nile from ancient times to present day, farming and how countries are interdependent on each other.

Science Children will be investigating materials grouping them according to their characteristics. They will undertake fair tests to investigate dissolving. They will identify reversible and irreversible changes in a variety of materials and also investigate pH values. After half term, children will investigate forces. They will develop their understanding of gravity and both air and water resistance and will investigate how levers and pulleys allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

Computing This term children will develop their understanding of e-safety. They will be taught to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. They will consider their own digital footprint and the impact this may have on their future. The class will consolidate their knowledge of Microsoft Word, reviewing image editing and copyright, formatting and using hyperlinks. After half term they will be developing their understanding of spreadsheets.

Music This year the school has invested in a new on line music scheme to aid the delivery of quality music lessons. The children will learn about a wide range of musical styles, sing, compose and play either using improvisation or set notation. They will also be provided with an online login that they can use both in school and at home.

French Our first French unit will concern time. Developing their conversational skills, children will be able to ask for the time and say what time it is in French. They will also revise number 1-100 and days of the week. After half term, using dictionaries, they will analyse a range of French poetry creating their own shape poem. Towards the end of term, they will look at negative forms of the verb as well as developing their cultural understanding of Christmas in France.

PE The class will develop their team working skills whilst taking part in netball drills. They will improve their ball catching and throwing accuracy and learn strategies for attack and defensive play. The class will also have the opportunity to develop football skills.

P.E. will take place most weeks on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure children have their PE kit including trainers in school. Once the weather gets cooler tracksuits can also be worn.

Art and Design Technology During art sessions children will have the opportunity to develop collage skills using both paper and ceramic materials. After half term they will focus on using cams to create moving toys.

PSHE This term the class will be considering relationships. Initially, they will focus on relationships within school and discuss different types of relationships. The sessions aim to prepare children to behave appropriately towards others, manage peer pressure, develop assertiveness. They will also be thinking about safe relationships, covering topics such as marriage, civil partnerships and consent. They will develop a great understanding of British values, focusing on respecting themselves and others.

Homework

The children will be given weekly spelling homework and will be expected to learn the spelling patterns so they are able to use these in their independent writing. Spellings will usually be tested on a Monday.

Maths and English homework will be set on a weekly basis and will support learning in class. Each term, the children will be given Brain Builder homework which is an opportunity to take their learning in the direction of their choice.

As you are aware, Mrs Johnson and Miss White have joint responsibility for Class 4. Mrs Johnson will teach the class on Mondays and Miss White will teach on the other days.

If you have any queries then please don't hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Johnson and Miss White