



Year 4 - Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so excited to share with you information about the learning and activities we will undertake in our first term in Year 4. The information listed below is based in the subject areas that they will be taught.



English

We are starting with Malala's Magic Pencil, a beautiful picture book written by the inspirational Malala Yousafzai. We will be exploring different themes within the text and creating our own messages of inspiration for the world. Our next book links in with history as the children will be studying Beowulf. The children will engage imaginatively with the story through drama, discussion and a series of creative activities based on the text. They will become familiar with the structure of the story and the literary conventions of hero myths. Our Shakespeare play is 'Much Ado About Nothing' and we are looking forward to using all of our drama skills to dive into this wonderful romantic comedy full of tricks and twists. Reading, as always, remains a high priority. Can children please continue to read regularly at home and record comments in their logs. These comments are important to us as they form the basis of our reading discussions.

Science

Science during the autumn term promises to open a world of exciting new discoveries as we explore States of Matter. During this topic children will develop and showcase an understanding of all areas of states of matter (solids, liquids and gases), including how materials can change from one state to another.

Children will be designing experiments, predicting outcomes and showing understanding of the importance of fair testing.

In the second half of term we will study Sound. The children will explore how vibrations make sounds and how these sounds travel as waves through the air to the ear. We will investigate the relationship between pitch, volume and vibrations and how these can be changed - a very noisy topic!

In **Knowledge and Understanding of the World** the geography topic this term is Mountains. The children will be identifying the key features of mountains and the effects they have on the world around them. They will also learn about the world's major mountains, climates and human interactions.

The history topic this year takes the children on a fascinating journey back in time as they learn about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. They will explore where the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came from and how they shaped the kingdom of England we know today. Along the way, they will also find out what life was like for everyday people living in Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain.

Maths

In maths this term the children will cover the following areas; place value, mental and written strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, time and recording and interpreting data. The learning this term will build on the areas covered in the Year 3 as well as introducing new concepts. The children will start to deepen their knowledge of place value and start to apply this knowledge in calculations. There will also be an increased emphasis on application of strategies and knowledge in order to challenge the children to solve more complex problems. Times tables will be a high priority so please continue to practise these at home.



P.E. - Tag Rugby - this term the children will be playing tag rugby. The children will focus on how to hold and pass the ball, practise their decision-making skills, how to use tactics and use a range of attacking and defending skills to contribute to the success of their team.

Zone Ball - The children will learn how to play Zone Ball, a passing and catching game, similar to netball. The aim of the game is for players to work as a team to pass the ball from one zone of the court to the other. The children will be developing many skills such as throwing, catching, spatial awareness and foot work.

Please could children bring their PE kit on a Monday and take them home on a Friday.

Art-

Drawing - The children will be developing their drawing skills and investigating drawing techniques using a variety of different materials. They will research artists such as Leonardo Da Vinci.

Design/Technology-

Mechanisms -

This term the children will be designing, making and evaluating Christmas cards.

They will investigate a range of levers and linkage mechanisms and go on to generate ideas for their designs using sketches and prototypes.

Music-

Music will continue to be taught by Mr Hughes. The children will learn to play the ukuleles as well as singing, clapping rhythms and reading music.

RE

People of God 'What is it like to Follow God?' Through this topic the children will be making links between People of God and how some Christians choose to live in their whole lives and in their church communities.

Incarnation 'What is the Trinity?' Through this topic the children will learn about Christian's belief that God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They will then go on to explore some of the symbols used to represent the Holy Trinity and how it is represented in art.

French



Madame Hadfield will continue to teach her very interactive and action-packed French lessons to the class every Tuesday.

Spanish



The children will be introduced to Spain and other Spanish speaking countries. They will go on to learn greetings, numbers to ten and how to ask and answer simple questions.

Computing

The computing curriculum has two parts. Computing will be used across the curriculum areas to enhance and support learning as well as specific skills being taught within discrete lessons. The skills taught this term will be focused on coding and using the application 'Turtle'.

Personal, Social and Health Education

PSHE will continue to be taught by Mrs Danks and will focus on relationships and feelings. This term the children will start by looking at different types of relationships. Later on children will learn how to recognise and manage their feelings and also recognise where and how to share feelings in order to help themselves.

PSHE will also be responsive to the needs of the class and any current topical issues as they arise.

The autumn term promises to be a busy one packed with lots of exciting new learning opportunities. If you have any knowledge or skills in the areas we are studying this term we would love for you to share these with us.

As always please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss M Sahiby

