



Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024 - Year 4

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Welcome to the Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Autumn Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Mrs Morton directly, in the first instance.

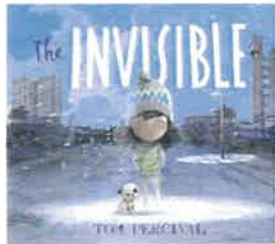
Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will begin with reviewing our understanding of the column method for addition and subtraction. We will then focus on our understanding of what a four digit number is composed of, using four digit numbers to make conversions between units of measure and to solve various problems. We will also practice rounding four digit numbers to the nearest thousand, hundred and ten.

I would really encourage children to use Times Table Rock Stars as much as possible at home as this will improve the speed of their times table recall.

English

We will begin our English lessons by focusing on our class book 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival. We will consider the feelings of the girl in the text and write a diary entry and a letter from different points of view. We will then move on to 'Christophe's Story' by Nicki Cornwell. Our reading lessons will be based on reading this short chapter book fluently, showing an understanding of the story.



In our writing lessons, we will write a narrative based on the story and also move onto non-fiction writing, writing a non-chronological report about Rwanda which is where the little boy from the story comes from. We will end this unit of work by comparing the main character from 'The Invisible' with the main character from 'Christophe's Story'. We will then move onto our final text for this term, 'The Spiderwick Chronicles'. Through our writing lessons, our key grammar focus will be to consolidate the brilliant basics. We will then begin to build on these writing skills by learning how to effectively use adverbials to show time, place, manner and reason. We will work on using fronted adverbials, marking these correctly with a comma.

RE

In Autumn 1, our RE lessons will focus on the key question, 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' We will consider each part of the creation story and what Christians may learn from it. During the second part of the term, our key question will be 'What is the Trinity?' We will learn what the trinity is and will compare Matthew and Luke's gospels with John's gospel.

Science

Our science topic this term will be 'States of Matter'. We will learn to group solids, liquids and gases, observing what happens to certain materials when they are heated or cooled. We will also consider the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

PE

Our PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Children will need their PE kits in school so that they are able to fully take part in these lessons. In games, we will focus on maintaining possession of a ball. In dance, we will use a range of movements and begin to combine movements and patterns.

Computing

Our computing lessons will focus on photo editing and using the internet. We will continue to develop our knowledge on using technology safely, respectfully and responsibly.

Other Curriculum Areas

Our topic in History this term will be The Ancient Egyptians and our key question will be 'How much did the Egyptians achieve?'. We will discover why the River Nile was so important to the Ancient Egyptians and learn about chronology by placing events from these times on a timeline.



Our Art lessons will link with our Ancient Egyptians topic where we will design and make Egyptian masks. In DT we will design and create Egyptian tombs.

In music lessons this term, we will be taught by a teacher from the Music School who will teach us to play the ukelele.

Our PSHE lessons will focus on how to develop healthy friendships and will give us time to consider different feelings that can be experienced in different situations.

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd October - Portals to the Past Egyptian Workshop when children are invited to dress up as Ancient Egyptians.

Friday 11th October at 10am - Harvest Service led by Year 3 and 4.

Friday 11th October - Year 4 Forest School Afternoon.

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