



Newsletter

Spring Term 2025 - Year 4

Mrs Morton, Mrs Rai and Mrs Sidaway

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

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

Maths

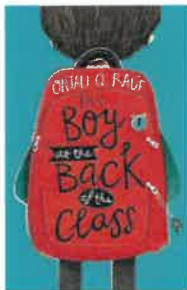
In our maths lessons this term, we will continue to work on our quick recall of multiplication facts. We will learn how to multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 1,000. We will also focus on our understanding of coordinates; we will learn to write coordinates accurately, as well as how to translate shapes on grids and how to draw polygons using given coordinates.

I continue to 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. My Maths homework will also be issued on a Monday.

English

We will begin the term by reading the book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf. We will focus on improving our inference skills through understanding and explaining the feelings of different characters in the book. At home, it is important to continue reading books regularly to improve children's reading stamina and accuracy.

In our writing lessons, we will use 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' as one of our writing stimuluses. We will write a diary entry, a letter and a narrative.



We will also learn how to write an explanation text, explaining how Wallace and Gromit's Soccumatic machine works, as well as explaining the features of a river, linked to our Geography learning. The key grammar and punctuation focus of our writing this half term will be using different sentence openers, including fronted adverbials and subordinate conjunctions. We will also focus on using apostrophes for possession accurately.

RE

In Spring 1, our RE lessons will focus on the Sikh religion with the key question, 'What can we learn from a Gurdwara?' We will consider the key features of the Gurdwara and what happens during a Sikh service. We will then compare this to Christian worship.

Science

Our science topic this term will be 'Electricity'. We will construct a simple series electrical circuit, learning to identify and name its basic parts. We will also learn to recognise some common conductors and insulators.



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 using the space around us when sending and receiving the ball. In gymnastics, we will put together a range of balances and methods of travel into a sequence. We will use different types of apparatus as part of our sequences.

Computing

Our computing lessons will focus on repetition in shapes and games. We will learn what 'repeat' means and identify patterns and loops in a programme.

Other Curriculum Areas

Our topic in History this term will be the Romans and our key question will be 'What happened when the Romans came to Britain?' We will learn about the Roman invasion and what the Romans left behind that is still of significance today.

Our DT lessons will focus on designing, making and evaluating an alarm.

In music lessons this term, we will be taught by a teacher from the Music School who will continue to teach us to play the ukelele. Our PSHE lessons will focus on staying safe online; we will learn what our digital footprint is and how to ensure we use the internet appropriately.



Diary Dates

Friday 14th February - Years 4, 5, 6 Spelling Workshop Breakfast (letter to follow)

Wednesday 5th March to Friday 7th March - Year 3 and 4 Residential to Osmington Bay

Friday 7th March - INSET Day for those not on residential

Monday 10th March - INSET Day

Friday 28th March - Year 4 Come Dine with me (parents invited in for lunch with their child)

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