

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 1



Dear parents and carers, Welcome to **Year 4**. Please have a look over our curriculum for the coming half term...

Our team are: Mrs Smith and Mrs Ahmad (Chestnut Class), Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Swinson (Beech Class) and Mrs Collyer (Hazel Class). We also have a wonderful group of Teaching Assistants working with us too!



**Strength in Learning.
Power in Community**



Writing: To start off our writing journey in Year 4, we will be working on some persuasive writing linked to our text, Krindlekrax. Later in the term we will be writing a narrative based on the book and even having a go at writing some Kenning poems! We are excited for the children to build on the skills that they learnt in Year 3, and give the children exciting opportunities to develop their writing further.



Reading: This half-term, we will be reading the book 'Krindlekrax' by Philip Ridley. This story follows the tale of an unlikely hero. We will be using this text to develop our 'VIPERS' skills, to practise our comprehension skills. Each week we will be focussing on a different letter in the VIPERS acronym, and practising the skill in a range of different ways – whilst enjoying reading the book together.



Maths: We begin our Maths journey in Year 4 by exploring place value with numbers up to and including 10,000. We will think about how to partition numbers, what each digit in a number represents whilst revisiting zero as a place holder. Towards the end of the year, the children will complete an online multiplication test, with this in mind, please can you support your children as much as possible by practising their times tables whenever you can!



Science: Our first Science topic looks at Solids, Liquids and Gases. We will be conducting a range of experiments to explore the properties of these different states of matter further. We will be using our observation skills to draw conclusions about the different states of matter.



History/Geography: This half term, we will be focussing on History – looking at the Anglo-Saxons. We began the unit by looking at the ancient burial site of Sutton Hoo. Towards the end of the half term we will be having an Anglo-Saxon themed day!



PSHE: This half term we will be thinking about what it means to be living in the wider World, thinking about the topic of respect more specifically.



Music: This half-term, we will be exploring chime bars, using the pentatonic scale. We will copy and invent a short series of notes with a partner and then use our knowledge of note values and duration to both follow written tunes as well as beginning to compose our own simple melodies.



Computing: Our first computing unit is coding. Using Purple Mash, we will explore the wonderful world of coding further. The unit builds on the work that the children completed in Year 3, with more functions in the coding programme available for the children to use and create animations with.



PE: This half term our outdoor PE is Hockey – we will aim to go out in colder and wet weather, so please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing! We will learn various skills before playing some mini matches. In our Indoor PE, we will be completing a unit on health-related fitness.



RE: In RE, we will be trying to answer the question... 'Are all religions equal?' The children will be exploring the origins of various religions whilst looking at the geographical and historical connections among them.



Art & DT: This half term we will be completing a DT unit based on sewing. We will be exploring different stitches to create an Anglo-Saxon inspired bookmark using 'Runes'.



MFL: This half term in French, we will be recapping their learning from Year 3, whilst building on their knowledge of core vocabulary that is linked to greetings, numbers, weather and the days of the week.



Forest school: This half term we will be learning to dye fabric using natural materials. We will also be cooking to make delicious flatbreads! Please remember to send in school uniform for after forest schools as they often get wet and muddy!

If you have any questions at all please contact us or catch us at the end of the school day.

Please ensure the children come into school ready for PE on their days.

Beech Class: Indoor - Wednesday Outdoor - Friday

Chestnut Class: Indoor - Thursday Outdoor - Wednesday

Hazel Class: Indoor - Thursday Outdoor - Wednesday

Daily reading makes a huge difference—please record this in your child's reading record.

Homework and spellings go home each Thursday.