



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 1st Half Term



This half term in Year 4, children will be exploring a wide range of topics, from the Ancient Romans in history to changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics in music. They will draw on their prior knowledge to deepen understanding and make meaningful links across the curriculum.

MATHS

This half term, children will strengthen their multiplication and division skills, explore fractions and equivalents, and measure and convert units including perimeter.

ENGLISH

This half term, children will explore mystery and detective stories, reading *William and the Missing Masterpiece*, and write newspaper recounts based on *William Goes to Hollywood*.

SCIENCE

In science this half term, Children will learn about electrical appliances, circuits, conductors, and how electricity is generated and used.

COMPUTING

In Computing this half term, children will learn about loops and repetition in programming, creating shapes and patterns using Logo.

HISTORY

This half term, children will learn how the Romans shaped Britain and explore their lasting impact on the country today.

GEOGRAPHY

This half term, children will learn about rainforests, their climate, layers, importance, deforestation, and how they compare to the UK.

MUSIC

This half term, children will sing in tune and harmony, explore musical feelings, create and perform ostinatos, and work together in group performances.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This half term, children will develop physical and dance skills, work with others, and take part in competitive and co-operative activities.

ART / DT

This half term, children will mix tints and shades in Art and design and make and evaluate working torches in Design Technology.

R.E

This half term, children will explore Hindu Dharma, learning about Brahman, Hindu stories, texts, and how deities reflect its qualities.

MESSAGES AND REMINDERS

Homework will run from Friday to Friday and will include 30 minutes of reading, three Mathletics tasks, and reading with an adult at least three times a week. Please ensure these reading sessions are recorded in your child's diary. Spellings will be given out every Monday, with a spelling test on Friday, so regular practice at home is encouraged.

PE for Year 4 takes place on Monday and Thursdays. Children should come to school wearing their PE uniform, ensuring it follows the school's PE uniform guidelines.

Please ensure that children regularly practice their times tables, as they will be tested on them at the end of the year in the official MTC assessment.