



Year 4 Newsletter



This half term in Year 4, children will be exploring a wide range of topics, from the Ancient Greeks in history to shading and composition in art. They will draw on their prior knowledge to deepen understanding and make meaningful links across the curriculum.

MATHS

This half term, children will focus on place value and addition and subtraction with numbers up to four digits. They will explore counting in multiples, find 10, 100, or 1,000 more or less, use formal written methods, check their answers, and solve practical and two-step problems.

SCIENCE

This half term, children will explore solids, liquids, and gases, comparing their properties and working scientifically through investigations, observations, and recording results to draw conclusions.

HISTORY

This half term, children will explore the Ancient Greeks, learning about key events and figures, the development of settlements, the roles of women, and the impact of trade on their civilisation.

MUSIC

This half term in music, children will explore different musical structures and textures. Our topic is centred around the rhythm of the rainforest, with a focus on body percussion, loops, and motifs.

ART / DT

This half term in art, children will explore how tints and shades can be used to create depth, experimenting with colour mixing, composition, and sketching to produce a final still life painting.

ENGLISH

During this half term, we will be focusing on the book 'Manfred the Baddie' by John Fardell.

The children will spend the first 3 weeks learning about and writing their own narratives based on the book. They will then spend the second 3 weeks learning about and writing a non-chronological report about an evil machine.

COMPUTING

This half term in computing, children will learn about networks and internet security, explore the World Wide Web, and understand content ownership and what they can access, add, and create.

GEOGRAPHY

This half term, children will learn about world climates, the equator, and the Earth's axis, while developing geographical skills such as map reading, fieldwork, and place knowledge.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In PE, children will develop passing, movement, and team play skills through netball and basketball, and explore gymnastics inspired by the water cycle.

R.E

This half term, children will learn about the Gospel, exploring Jesus' life, the calling of his disciples, and how his actions guide Christians today.

MESSAGES AND REMINDERS

Homework will run from Friday to Friday and will include 30 minutes of reading, three Mathematics 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 Tuesdays 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.