



Year 4 Autumn Curriculum overview

Reading

- This term we will study a number of texts covering a variety of genres including classics like *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, *The Firework Maker's Daughter* and *The Demon Headmaster*, as well as non-fiction texts about remembrance, Martin Luther King and the Industrial Revolution.
- These texts will be used to develop skills through the five reading VIPERS; vocabulary, inference, prediction, retrieval and summarising. Children will apply these skills through oral and written activities using explicit vocabulary that has been taught.
- During lessons, children will be given the opportunity to discuss texts with their talk partner, giving their thoughts and opinions on the text and commenting on the effect it has on them as a reader.

Writing

- This term, we will be writing in a multitude of styles and for different purposes including diaries, character descriptions and setting descriptions.
- We will drive all of writing units through a focus on high quality texts, such as 'Tuesday,' 'The Firework Maker's Daughter,' and 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.'
- We will be focussing on key writing skills such as: paragraphs, conjunctions, use of language, speech and fronted adverbials.
- Our aim is for the children to experience the writing process as a real writer would, this means we will spend time editing and making improvements to our draft pieces before publishing the final outcome.

Maths

- This term, will develop our understanding of place value and working with larger numbers before multiplying, adding and subtracting using formal column method.
- Children will also have the opportunity to interpret and present data independently, as well as learning about money and length.
- During our mental maths work, children have been learning their 3 and 4 times table and the relevant division facts. We have also have a big focus on all times tables, ensuring children are able to recall these facts automatically ready for the Multiplication Check in the Summer.

Wider Curriculum

- This term our 'Megacities' topic will teach children about different settlements from hamlets to a megacity and what it is like to live in each of these.
- Children will locate different megacities and consider the reasons for migrating to them.
- As scientists, children will study the human digestive system and look at the functions of teeth. They will classify and group living things, using Venn and Carroll diagrams and classification keys.
- Our History studies will explore the Industrial revolution and how Birmingham became 'The City of a Thousand Trades'.
- Children will learn about the bible in RE
- Our Art and Design lessons will teach the children about illuminated letters, and how they can be designed and decorated in different ways.

How can I help at home?

Wider Curriculum ideas:

- Find where different places are around the world, and which places are cities or megacities
 - Look at how the Industrial Revolution changed the UK

Reading ideas:

- Keep reading every single day, either school reading books, or a book of their choice
- Discuss what can be inferred from the text. How do we know _____? What clues tell us that _____?

Writing ideas:

- Write about something that has happened, making sure each sentence opens in a different way
- Keep practising neat, joined handwriting, making sure all letters sit on the line as they should
- Encourage children to complete spelling homework activities on spelling shed

Maths ideas:

- Keep practising times tables up to 12 x 12
- Keep practicing all 4 operations (addition, subtraction multiplication and division)
 - Encourage your children to complete homework tasks on Maths.co.uk