



Year 4 Spring Curriculum overview

Reading

- This term, our class reader is a book published by the author J.K Rowling 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'.
- During our reading lessons, we will cover a range of fiction texts, including our class reader, 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe', 'Oh, The Places You'll Go!' and 'Fantastic Beasts'.
- These texts will be used to develop skills associated with 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.
- Furthermore, we will read at a variety of non-fiction texts, and biographies on notable people, including Dr Barnardo.
- The children will be emersed in poetry and songs as well as reading throughout the wider curriculum too.

Writing:

- In this term, the children will have different opportunities to explore their skills as a reader and writer, ranging from writing to entertain and to inform.
- The outcomes will vary and will really push the children to be able to achieve their best work with each exciting journey.
- The children will improve their skills by: writing a letter to Hogwarts, writing a setting description of 'The Potion's Room' and a non-chronological report about a fantastic beast!
- We will be recapping writing skills, as well as teaching Year 4 skills such as using fronted adverbials and subordinating conjunctions.

Maths

This term, we will be exploring fractions and continuing with multiplication and division. We will also continue to explore place value and the four key operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will continue to develop number knowledge through a range of mental maths starters to really strengthen the children's grip and recall of multiplication and division facts.

Wider Curriculum:

- In History, the children will be learning about the invasion and settling of both the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings in Britain, looking at Alfred the Great and many other important figures.
- In Geography, Year 4 will be learning about the names of places around Britain that originated from the Anglo-Saxon and Viking era.
- In RE, the children will be exploring the significant religious leaders and the impact they have on their faith.
- In Science, the children will be exploring states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) and how they change.
- During their Art lessons, the children will be exploring Batik art and the 'fabric of nature'.

How can I help at home?

Wider Curriculum ideas:

To support their learning, the half term project is based on the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. The children need to research a famous figure from this period of history and present this information, alongside a piece of art linked to this individual (such as a self portrait).

Reading ideas:

Encourage your child to read widely and read often. Please ensure that the children have recorded something they have read into their record and it is signed by an adult.

Writing ideas:

Children will be set weekly spelling shed activities on www.spellingshed.com. In addition, children could use a range of skills that they have been taught in class (such as conjunctions, fronted adverbials, noun phrases etc) and apply these in their own writings (like a book review or a diary!) Encourage children to actively read their completed writing, checking it through for errors and making improvements by editing.

Maths ideas:

This year, Year 4 have a multiplication check that is set by the government. Therefore, practise and learn multiplication facts. This can be done through Club sheets from school or the use of MathsFrame: Multiplication Check.

Support your child with their weekly homework on www.maths.co.uk