



Welcome to Year 4

Our Core Subjects

In English this term we will be focusing on a variety of genres, including: narratives, persuasion texts with fantasy settings, including poetry.

Throughout the English units we will be focusing on Spellings, Grammar and Punctuation.

In Maths, our focus will be on:

Place value, addition and subtraction, mental and written multiplication, measures, mental and written division, 2D and 3D shapes, fractions and measures.

Throughout our Maths lessons, we will be focusing on Times Tables so we ask that you encourage and support your child with their learning of these at home, please. Pupils will also need to be fluent with corresponding division facts.

In Science our focus will be *How do sounds travel and change?*

During this topic, pupils will explore how sounds are made, how sounds can travel and how sounds can be changed. Furthermore, pupils will carry out investigations and explore different sound waves.

Our Foundation Subjects

Geography

In Geography, pupils will learn about Rainforests. They will study the habitats and what plants and animals reside there. They will learn and explore the different layers of the rainforest. They will also look at the causes and consequences of deforestation.

Music

In Music lessons, pupils will learn to sing and perform the rap/song *Stop*. They will learn how to warm up their voices and follow a pulse and a rhythm in time. In the topic, *Lean on me*, pupils will focus on the tone and pitch of their voices and perform their work.

Art and DT

In Spring 1 Art lessons, pupils will be looking at rainforest animals. Pupils will be given the opportunity to design and evaluate an animal mask.

In Spring 2 Art lessons, pupils will be exploring and replicating the art of Henri Rousseau.

RE

In Spring 1, pupils will be continuing to learn about the importance of Jesus' life and why he is an inspirational figure for Christians. After half term, pupils will begin to learn about the prophet and how the prophet plays an important part in Islam.

Computing

In Computing, pupils will focus on spreadsheets, and databases. Pupils will look at and explore how and why spreadsheets and databases are used. They will also deepen their knowledge about how technology can be used to format information for different audiences.

PE

In Spring 1, pupils will complete a net and wall unit and will look at a range of throwing techniques including roll, overarm and underarm throws. In Spring 2, pupils will continue outdoor education through a series of further team building activities and games.

PSHE

Pupils will learn about how to face challenges and set personal goals. They will explore their dreams and goals and learn about the positive impact of being healthy.

This term's topics are:

SCIENCE - How do sounds travel and change?

GEOGRAPHY - Rainforests.

ART - Rainforest animals

DT - Animal masks

COMPUTING - Spreadsheets

Databases

Different audiences

MUSIC - Stop

- Lean on me

RE - Why do people find Jesus inspirational?

- Why does the prophet Muhammed matter to Muslims?

PSHE - Dreams and Goals

Healthy Me

PE - Outdoor Education

- Net and wall games

Home Learning Tasks

Home learning tasks will be set, which are based on learning that has already taken place in school. This means that your child can complete them with greater independence. We do ask that you check your child's home learning tasks to ensure they are completed to a good standard and returned to school on time you for your continued support.



Reading

Listening to your child read aloud as often as possible will support them with their reading, writing and spelling. The benefits are huge. Please write a comment and sign your child's diary every time you hear them read so that we can track the progress they are making at home.

Spring Term in Year 4

Welcome to the start of a new term. We hope you all had a very lovely Christmas and New Year and feel ready to start the Spring Term.

This year, the Year 4 team is:

- Class 9 - Mrs Pahal/Mr Smyth
- Class 10 - Mr Mills
- HLTA - Mrs Perry
- TA - Miss Jones

Doors open to pupils at 8.40am and pupils will come straight to class ready for registration at 8.50am. Any pupils who are late, must report to the School Office.

PE Kits Pupils are expected to wear the correct PE kit for every PE lesson each week. The correct PE kit is:

White t-shirt (plain or with Woden logo only)

Dark blue tracksuit bottoms

Dark blue sweatshirt (plain or with Woden logo only)

Trainers

Children are not to wear their own clothes or sports wear with other logos for school. We would like our pupils to really take pride in their appearance as well as our school PE kit.

Year 4 PE day are TUESDAY/FRIDAY (Class 9)

Year 4 PE day are WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY (Class 10)

Curriculum Enrichment

We are always looking for ways to bring our pupils' learning to life and have some visits already booked for Spring.

Cadburys World - Date tbc.

This visit will support our English learning. More details will follow soon.

Useful websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - Great for Maths

Sumdog- Great for Maths. Children should know their logins

Duo-Lingo- Great for French. You can register for an account at home.