



Year 4

Autumn

Curriculum



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Welcome to Year 4!

We hope you have had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to an autumn full of exciting learning opportunities.

Geography

For the first half term, we will be finding out what is scary about Puerto Montt. We will be going on a geography learning journey starting with the explorer Ellen MacArthur in Cowes on the Isle of Wight, following her journey to Chile and its volcanoes. We are looking forward to having a volcanic experience using our school VR headsets!

English

In English, we will start off by learning all about poetry and developing our writing skills by creating our own poems. This will be followed by some character descriptions inspired by an amazing book 'Inside the Villains'.

Maths

To kick off maths this year, we will be investigating and working with numbers to 10,000 and building our place value knowledge. Following on from this, we will be putting our thinking caps on and developing our skills in mental calculations which will lead us into addition and subtraction of numbers to 10,000. Then we will be working with fractions and finding out about different shapes.

Music

During music this term, Year 4 will be using a variety of instruments to produce their own piece of music. We will look at how to play a steady beat and develop our instrumental skills and playing techniques.

Year 4 are particularly excited to have the opportunity to perform a Christmas performance and will be practising their singing and performance skills.

History

This term we will be finding out who the Anglo Saxons were. There will be books and websites to use to find out how they lived and how they affected life in Britain. We will also be welcoming some visitors to bring this learning to life.

Computing

In our ICT learning this half term, we will be re-capping key skills in order to prepare ourselves for the effects of communicating in different ways, selecting and using information from a website as well as searching for appropriate websites and adding pictures and images to a PowerPoint.

P.D.L. and R.E.

During P.D.L. this term, we will be 'Feeling Good' and 'Keeping Healthy' and discussing our hopes and concerns for our time in Year 4.

In R.E., our topic is Temptation. We will be discussing how and why people are tempted. We will discuss how Jesus, Christians and Jewish people have been tempted and how they might manage this.

Art

Our inspiration in art for the Autumn term is our volcano topic; this will be explosive! But first of all we will be practising our drawing and painting skills, using an artist famous for drawing volcanoes, as inspiration.

Science

Year 4 are very lucky to have the opportunity to explore the habitats in our school grounds, including the pond. Our budding scientists will be carrying out a longitudinal study over the whole school year to identify and investigate the number of species that move in and make the pond their home. We will also be creating electrical circuits and finding out about how electricity works.

PE

The children learnt a lot about teamwork last year in P.E. and we look forward to applying this to netball and gymnastics units this term.

Home Learning

Please support your child to read 5 times a week. Even if your child is a fluent reader, it would be great if you could still listen to them and ask them questions about what they have read in order to support their comprehension skills.

Children will be provided with a log to record reading and any child who has



recorded reading eight or more books over the term will be awarded a free book at the end of term!



We also ask that children complete spelling activities, which are accessed online through Spelling Frame. There will be a spelling test every Friday. Children should practise TTRS and Numbots twice a week to develop their fluency.

If children want a further challenge in maths, there will be maths activities to be completed on My Maths.

Log ins to access homework on the internet can be found in the reading log book. If you have any problems with this, please let us know.

We are looking forward to an amazing autumn term of fantastic learning. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us either on the playground after school or via the school office; we are always happy to

Key Events & Dates

PE: Monday and Wednesday. P.E. Kits to stay in school please.

Home Learning due: Thursdays

Home Learning set: Fridays

Lime Class Assembly: Friday 14 October

Half term: Monday 24th - Friday 28th October

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 1st November and Thursday 3rd November

Maple Class Assembly: Friday 25 November

Year 4 production : Monday 12th—Tuesday 13th December

End of Term: 15th December

Inset Day: 16th December