



Year 4

Autumn

Curriculum



Mangham Junior School
September 2024

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 and following her journey to Chile and its volcanoes. We are looking forward to having a volcanic experience using our school VR headsets as well as a thrilling 3D dome.

English

In English, we will start off by learning all about how to create an eerie and ominous atmosphere. This will help us to write a narrative about our own scary creatures. Following this we will develop our skills by writing poetry.

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, we will be finding out how to control how quiet or loud our playing is (diminuendo and crescendo), and how fast or slow it is (tempo). We will have the opportunity to make our own compositions and are sure to enjoy performing them to each other.

Computing

In our computing this half term, we will be re-capping key skills on online safety. We will then be

Miss Lawlor and Miss Cooper

looking at how to word process using learnt keyboard skills and a variety of computer softwares.

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 concept is Rules in the Community. We will be discussing how this relates to Jewish people. We will also be looking into the Christian faith and annunciation.

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

This half term, we are learning about different states of matter. We will be classifying them, finding out about viscosity with a race and exploring all the different states of water. Next half term we will be studying materials even more. We will find out what a mixture is and trying to separate different mixtures. We will be learning what dissolving is and having fun exploring the structure of soil.

PE

The children learnt a lot about teamwork last year in P.E. and we look forward to applying this to fitness, tennis, netball and dance 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 Thursday. Children should practise TTRS and



Numbots weekly to develop their fluency.

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 talk to you.



Key Events & Dates

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

Home Learning due: Thursdays

Home Learning set: Fridays

Meet the teacher: Tuesday 10th September

Science Dome: Tuesday 24th September

Inset day: Friday 25th October

Half term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Parents' Evenings: Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th November

Maple Class Assembly: Friday 6th December

Year 4 production : Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December

End of Term: Friday 20th December

Lime Class Assembly: Friday 14th March

Year 4 Assembly: Friday 23rd May