



Yr4 Curriculum News

Autumn 2023

English

In English we will be covering the following topics:

- Poetry – Limericks, Haikus and Performance Poetry.
- Imaginative stories – How to Train Your Dragon
- Non-Chronological Report/Leaflet (Healthy Diet)
- Newspaper Reports: Alexander the Great

Teaching of spelling and grammar will be integrated throughout each topic. Whole class reading and guided reading takes place daily and will cover a range of text types.

Science

We will be covering the following

- States of Matter
- Animals including Humans

Children will learn about the states of matter and develop their ability to work scientifically through demonstrations and experiments. They will answer questions like: “Why do puddles disappear?” and “Do we drink the same water dinosaurs did?”

PE

In PE we will be covering the following units of work:

- Football – agility & speed
- Tag Rugby - agility & speed
- Netball & Basketball – coordination & ball manipulation
- Dodgeball - coordination & ball manipulation

The P.E. should consist of a blue or white t-shirt, black leggings/tracksuit bottoms/shorts and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. As the weather changes PE lessons will be outside as much as possible so please also include a sweatshirt. Our PE day is on Thursday.

Homework

For homework, your child should be reading for at least 15 minutes a day. They *must* quiz on any books they have read which are available on the reading platforms. Spellings will be handed out every Monday with a test the following Friday. Children have log ins to access the online platforms to support them with their learning and consolidate their understanding in areas where they are less confident.

Geography

In Geography, we will be covering the following units:

- Climate and Biomes
- The Rhine and Mediterranean

History

In History we will be covering the story of Alexander the Great from boy to king and then moving on to the Roman Republic.

Art

We will be learning about reflection, symmetry and pattern in art focusing on a range of artists' work.

Maths

During first few weeks of term, children will explore concepts that children have had less exposure to due to COVID disruptions:

- Geometry (shapes, angles, turns)
- Measurements (mass g/kg, capacity ml/l)

We will then proceed to cover the following areas:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and subtraction
- Length and measure
- Multiplication and division

We will also do regular mental arithmetic tests. It is **very important** that children actively practice their timestables on Times Tables Rock stars and do the set tasks on Mathletics.

Religious Education

In RE this term, we will be learning about Christianity. In particular, we will be exploring stories from the life of Jesus.

Music

This term's Musical Topic is called "Let your Spirit Fly".

The children will learn about "RnB" (Rhythm and Blues) music, explore its origins and perform various compositions through the decades. The lessons have an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked. Year 4 will also be learning to play an instrument this year. 4 Poplar will be learning to play the guitar and 4 Cherry will be learning either cello or violin.