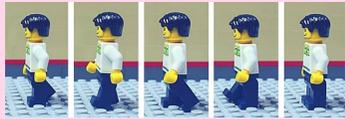


Computing

This half term we will focus our learning on:
Stop Animation

Year 4 will be looking at how plants and animals adapt to their environment and though the use of Stop Animation, children will be able to bring their findings to life.



This project will involve taking photographs of objects or characters, moving them slightly, then taking another photograph. When the images are played back consecutively, the objects or characters will appear to move on their own.

Children will be taught online safety in order to participate safely in the online community including when sourcing images for their projects.

Religious Education

This half term our focus is:

Christianity

Year 4 will be discussing the celebration of Christmas, how it is celebrated and why this celebration is so important to Christians.



Our key question for this half term will be:

What is the most significant part of the nativity for Christians today?



Reading

Our reading programme is aimed at encouraging children to read to parents/carers every day. All children have been issued with a reading record which should be signed by an adult who has listened to them read. Awards will be issued in assembly for children completing 10, 20 and 30 books.

Please aim to read with your child daily. Reading regularly at home helps your child learn more effectively and will improve their vocabulary, spelling, grammar and concentration.

Spelling & Home Learning

You will receive a **Home Learning Passport** detailing projects and questions for you and your child to complete at home. All homework is carefully chosen to link closely with your child's school learning.

If you have access to the internet at home, your child has a unique username and password that they can use to access **Mathletics**. This online programme, subscribed to by the school, will help your child to improve and reinforce their maths skills.

<http://uk.mathletics.com/signin/>

Spellings will be sent home on **Fridays**: Children will have one week to find out the meaning of each word and learn the correct spelling for their spelling test on the following Friday.

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English

This half term our focus text is:
'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White.



'When a young farm girl finds out that her dad is about to kill the runt from the newest litter of pigs, she rushes to the aid of the helpless animal. Her dad sees that she is genuinely concerned about the pig and so he gives it to her as a pet. This is the start of a long lasting friendship between Fern and Wilber.'

Children will be writing in different styles and genres including traditional tales and recounts through newspaper reports and diary extracts. They will continue to check, edit and up-level their work.

There will be a strong focus on reading comprehension through **Destination Reader**. We will also be focussing on our handwriting, vocabulary, grammar and spelling.



Music



Crystal Class will be continuing with their drumming lessons while Garnet Class will be continuing their guitar lessons. Children will be working towards performing in the End of Term Music Concert.

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We teach our children:

Responsibility
Initiative
Curiosity
Optimism

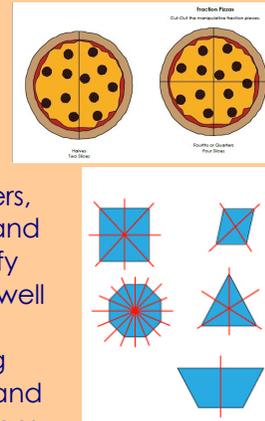
Independence
Generosity
Perseverance
Social Intelligence

Mathematics

Year 4 will focus on improving their arithmetic skills and times tables knowledge.

Children be focusing on improving mental arithmetic skills and times table knowledge. We will be ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1000. We will use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000.

They will also learn to recognise the equivalence between decimal and fraction forms of one half, quarters, tenths and hundredths and using diagrams to identify equivalent fractions. As well as interpreting mixed numbers and positioning them on a number line and identifying pairs of fractions that total 1. Finally children will learn to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks and recognise lines of symmetry in 2-D shapes orientations.



Mandarin

Year 4 will be practicing their ability to say numbers, time, and daily words. Children will work towards introducing their daily routines and activities in Mandarin. There will also be a focus on traditional Chinese clothing, Chinese arts and crafts and Mandarin greetings for the festive season.



Topic: Land Sky & Sea

Focus Figure: Thomas Colby

Focus Text: 'The Great Kapok Tree'

Lynne Cherry

In this **geography** led unit we will learn about how plants and animals **adapt** to their **environments**. The Earth is full of life. Over 1.7 million **species** of living things inhabit our mountains, deserts, forests, caves, lakes, rivers and oceans. Plants and animals can adapt to living almost anywhere on Earth.



Physical Education

Year 4 will focus on: **Gymnastics**

Children will practise a range of actions, body shapes and balances to demonstrate in a performance. They will also be performing balances and counter balances with control. Finally children will also be incorporating floor work onto a range of apparatus.



PE will be on Wednesdays.

All children are required to take part in physical education. Your child must have a school PE kit with plimsolls in school on their PE day.

All items in your child's PE kit must be clearly marked with their name.