

Autumn 2

Year 4



Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half-term and enjoyed the festivities whether you celebrated Halloween or Diwali or just had a relaxing time! We are extremely proud of how well the children settled into life in Year 4 last half-term. It was a pleasure meeting you all during our Parents Consultations and we are looking forward to seeing you again at our Year 4 Celebration of Work Event on Monday 2nd December at 2:30p.m. We have another busy half-term ahead of us with Antibullying week, Children in Need, Remembrance Day, Assessment Week and of course Christmas activities. We would appreciate your continued support in ensuring the children get their homework completed weekly, their spellings & times tables practiced and ensuring they read and record in their reading records. We are thrilled with how well the children have embraced our new behaviour policy and the amount of them who earned 100 house points last half-term. Lots of children got to visit the Merevalley Shop and spend their money and some children chose to save their money. We are hoping that by the end of this half-term, even more children will have reached the first goal of 100 House Points! Miss Roche will continue to lead Year 4 this half-term in Mrs McHenry's absence and Mrs Smith and Miss Roche will teach in 4CM. Mrs Wheeler, our HLTA, will spend time teaching in all 4 classes as always.

Remember, all teachers see the children out at the end of the day should you need to speak to any of us. It is so important to the Year 4 team that we work closely with you to ensure we get the best out of all of our children. 😊

The Curriculum

English

In English, children will learn to write a biography inspired by the biography of Nikola Tesla. They will also revisit narrative and write a fantasy narrative inspired by 'The Lost Thing'. The children are encouraged to continue practising their spellings this half-term, as they will be re-tested on the Y3/4 words at some point.

Reading

Our class book this half-term is: Call me Lion by Camilla Chester. In our whole class reading lessons, the children will be exposed to a variety of genres including: Wild Girl and I Spy (Fiction) and How to survive a mythical adventure and how does electricity travel in a circuit (Non-fiction). We will also be studying texts linked to Antibullying Week and Remembrance Day.



Maths

In Maths, the children will learn how to multiply and divide as well as explore the unit of Time. They will do weekly timetables practice using TT Rockstars and we strongly encourage them to practise their times tables at home on <https://ttrockstars.com/> in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check in the Summer Term. The children in Year 4 also have a daily 15 minute Mastery Maths lesson which reinforces key learning and develops children's ability to problem-solve.

In **Science**, the children will be learning about Electricity.

In **Geography**, the children will be studying their local area.

In **R.E**, the children will learn about: What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today? They will have a visit during one of their lessons from Rev. Morris.

In **Computing**, the children will be learning about Animation as well as Artificial Intelligence.

In **Art**, the children will be focusing on the skills of drawing and creating a power print.

In **Music**, the children will continue with their learning on keyboards and will be taught by Mrs Bosdet.

In **P.E**, the children will be learning the skills of basketball and dance!

In **PSHE**, children will be exploring the unit of 'Celebrating Difference'. They will also take part in Antibullying Week activities.

Things to remember:

Homework & Reading records are due on **Mondays**.

4LS start swimming on Wednesday 13th November.

Don't forget the new change to our morning routine where the gates will not be open until 8:40a.m. and **parents are not allowed on site**.

Value of the month for **November**:



December:



Dates for your diary!

Remembrance Day:

Monday 11th November

Antibullying Week:

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November

Odd Socks Day:

Tuesday 12th November

Children in Need (non-uniform day)

Friday 15th November

Year 4 Movie night until 5p.m.

Thursday 21st November

Year 4 Celebration of work:

Monday 2nd December



Christmas Dinner:

Wednesday 4th December

Christmas Jumper Day:

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Shop:

Tuesday 17th December

Pantomime:

Wednesday 18th December

Winning House Prize

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Holidays:

Friday 20th December