

BPA



Year 4 Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter



English

In English, we will be exploring the picture book version of C.S. Lewis' 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe'. This will be used to inspire the children's newspaper report writing. We will also be exploring 'The Secret of Platform 13' as part of our Spring 2 English learning and will be writing diary entries based on this.

In guided reading, we will be looking at the book 'Stig of the Dump', where we will be focusing on a number of key skills such as: inference; prediction and retrieval. We will also be exploring a range of non-fiction texts throughout the term, enabling the children plenty of exposure to various types of text.



Mathematics

In maths, we will start off by exploring both multiplication and division. This exploration will involve recapping strategies for working through multiplication and division calculations that the children have covered in previous years. This will eventually lead to using formal written methods for both multiplication and division. This topic will also link to factors, decimals, etc.

Times tables will continue to be a big focus for Year 4. We will be using a new times tables assessment to support this, alongside Times Tables Rockstars. The children will have access to both explicit times tables teaching as well as time to work on their speed through the Times Tables Rockstars website.

Science

In science this term, we will be focusing on States of Matter and Sound. Firstly, we will explore the properties of different materials and how states of matter can change.

We will then move on to look at how sound is created and how it travels. These topics allow the children to really think scientifically, ask lots of questions, take part in lots of fun experiments and predict outcomes.



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History / Geography

This term, Year 4 will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will be delving deep into the lives of the Ancient Egyptians: exploring their daily lives, the River Nile - and its importance to this ancient civilisation, gods and pharaohs, mummification as well as hieroglyphics. This topic will include many practical activities which will allow them a hands-on experience with their learning.



Computing

In computing, the children will be studying two topics: We are co-authors and We are HTML Editors.



Physical Education

In Spring 1, the children will be focusing on cricket as well as gymnastics.

Spring 2 will involve tennis and dance.



Art and Design

In art, children will be looking at illusions. They will explore different artist, then will create their own version of a famous artist's work.



Design and Technology

DT will involve an investigation surrounding cooking, specifically looking at the boiling point. This topic will involve the children exploring recipes and looking at what ingredients are suitable to make their own pasta sauce.

Religious Education

In RE this term, we will start to explore Buddhism and its teachings. We will discuss the impact of these and how they can benefit our lives.

PSHE

We will be thinking about being aware of others and our surroundings, how people express emotions, accepting help when it's needed and local heroes.

Languages - French



In French, we will be focusing on birthdays.

This will include looking further at numbers as well as exploring how to say and write months of the year.

Key Dates

8th and 10th February - Parent consultations

3rd March - World Book Day