

Year 4 Curriculum Overview

2023-24 Autumn 1

English

In English, we are studying stories with issues and dilemmas. We are going to be writing our own stories based on a 'real life' theme or issue, e.g. bullying, environmental issues, facing fears or journeys. We are going to begin to use fronted adverbials in our writing to describe characters and settings (e.g. In the distance, Covering his hair,). In our reading, we will be working on improving our retrieval, inference and prediction skills. You could help your child at home by reading with them at least three times a week and by practising their spellings regularly.

Maths

In maths, we are studying number and the number system. We will be carrying out work involving place value, comparing numbers, rounding numbers and Roman numerals. We will be solving number and reasoning problems that involve all of the above. You could help your child at home by practising their multiplication tables and accessing TT Rock Stars on a regular basis.

Music

In music, we will be learning to play the descant recorder. You could help your child at home by helping them to practise their recorder, if they have one.

Design and Technology (D&T)

In D&T, we will be designing and making a CAM toy. You could help you child at home by researching different CAMS and their uses.

Science

In science, we are studying states of matter. We will be identifying solids, liquids and gases, and their properties. You could help your child at home by talking about matter and relating it to real-life examples.

Art

In art, children will be using natural materials such as leaves as inspiration for drawing and printing work. You could help your child at home by collecting a range of natural materials for them to examine closely or draw.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

In French, children will be learning about French numbers and the language for classroom routines and instructions. You could help your child at home by practising their counting in French.

Computing

In computing lessons, we are learning how networks physically connect to each other, and that networked devices make up the internet. You could help your child at home by talking to them about being safe on any devices they use at home.

Topic (History/Geography)

In Topic, we are studying Europe. We will be identifying both human and physical features including countries, capital cities, seas/oceans, mountains and rivers. You could help your child at home by finding out facts about Europe.

Physical Education (PE)

In PE, we are taking part in Gymnastics and in games. In gymnastics, we will be developing our flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. In games, we will be developing our fitness by completing fitness circuits. You could help your child at home by encouraging them to complete the Government's recommended sixty minutes of exercise per day.

Religious Education (RE)

In RE, we will be focussing on Harvest in this country and around the world. You could help your child at home by contributing to our school's annual Harvest Festival collection of food for the local church and community.

Health and Relationships Education (HRE)

We study HRE at assembly times, as part of particular lessons and on designated days such as World Mental Health Day. We will be recapping our school rules and creating a class charter. We will be looking at ways to help and improve our mental and physical health, particularly on National Fitness Day, which is this half-term.