

Year 4 Curriculum Overview

2023-24 Autumn 2

English

In English, we are studying poetry. We are reading and writing poetry in a variety of forms, (e.g. kennings, limericks, haikus and tankas). We shall be reading and writing free verse poetry. We will also be looking at newspaper reports and writing our own newspaper reports. We are going to use fronted adverbials as a way to vary sentence construction and sentence starts. For example, In the distance, there was a dark, creepy castle. In our reading, we will be working on how language, structure and presentation contribute to the meaning of a text. You could help your child at home by sharing and discussing suitable newspaper reports with them.

Maths

In maths, we are studying the four number operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. We shall be using the formal column methods to add and subtract 3 and 4-digit numbers, and to multiply 2, 3 and 4-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. We will be solving number and reasoning problems that involve the four number operations. You could help your child at home by practising their rapid recall of addition and subtraction facts for numbers up to 20 and by continuing to learn and practise their X tables using TT Rock Stars.

Physical Education (PE)

In PE, we are continuing to take 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 skills in order to play a game of basketball. You could help your child at home by encouraging them to complete the Government's recommended sixty minutes of exercise per day.

Science

In science, we will be describing the functions of parts of the human digestive system. We shall also be identifying the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. You could help your child at home by talking about how to care for their teeth.

Art

In art lessons, we will be using natural objects as inspiration for drawing. We will be focussing on flowers in particular in order to draw vases of flowers. You could help your child at home by examining different flowers and their structures.

Design and Technology (D&T)

In D&T, we will be continuing to make a CAM toy. You could help your child at home by finding real-life examples of uses of CAMS.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

In French, children will be learning vocabulary relating to pets. We will have simple conversations about which pets we do or do not have. You could help your child at home by using the 'Language Angels' website.

Computing

In computing lessons, we are learning about e-safety, and particularly about keeping passwords safe and keeping personal information private. 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 will be studying a particular European country – Greece. We will be identifying the human and physical geography of Greece and making comparisons between Greece and the UK. You could help your child at home by finding out facts about Greece.

Music

In music, we will be working on our Christmas show. We will be rehearsing songs to performance level, and using percussion instruments to play simple tunes. You could help your child at home by helping them to learn words to their Christmas performance songs.

Religious Education (RE)

In RE, we will be looking at landmarks in life. We will be investigating how various religions celebrate landmarks such as weddings. You could help your child at home by talking about landmarks in their own, or family members' lives e.g. weddings and special birthdays.

Health and Relationships Education (HRE)

We will be continuing to study HRE at assembly times, as part of particular lessons and on designated days/weeks such as Children in Need Day and Anti-Bullying Week, both of which are this half term. We will be looking at the British Values of respect and tolerance in particular. You could help your child at home by looking at our British Values, and discussing their importance. The British Values can be found at the back of your child's Home Link book.