

Year 4 Curriculum Overview

2024-25 Summer 2

English

In English, we are investigating stories from other cultures and will be retelling one of these stories in our own words. We will practise writing in more complex sentences using a greater variety of conjunctions including when, if, because and although. In our reading, we will draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence. You could help your child at home by sharing and discussing narrative texts, making predictions about what they think will happen next and why.

Maths

In maths, we are comparing and classifying geometric shapes, including quadrilaterals and triangles. We are describing positions on a 2-D grid as coordinates in the first quadrant and describing movements between positions on a grid as translations of a given unit to the left/right and up/down. You could help your child at home by identifying different 2-D shapes around the home.

Music

In music, we will be continuing to learn how to play the descant recorder. We will also learn to read standard musical notation. 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 continuing to use mechanical systems to design and produce a toy using pneumatics. You could help your child at home by finding out about real-life examples of objects that operate using pneumatics.

Science

In science, we are looking at classification of living things. We will recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways, and explore and use classification keys to help group living things. You could help your child at home by identifying and naming different living things which they discover in their local environment.

Art

In art lessons, we are continuing to learn about colour. We will be using different media and improving our blending skills, incorporating this into a piece of artwork. You could help your child at home by looking at artwork, either in books, on line or in art galleries/museums, and discussing colours used.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

In French, we will be learning key words and phrases to describe where we live and the types of rooms we have in our homes. You could help your child at home by using the 'Language Angels' website.

Computing

In computing lessons, we are editing digital photographs. We are learning how to use an online photo editor and using this to create a 'spot the difference' game. You could help your child at home by helping them to navigate Google Classroom with greater independence.

History

In History, we are continuing to investigate the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will understand the impact of Roman technology, culture and beliefs on Britain today. You could help your child at home by visiting and/or finding out about important historical Roman sites that can be found in England today.

Physical Education (PE)

In PE, we are taking part in athletics and striking/fielding games. We will learn a variety of athletic techniques including running, jumping and throwing events. We will develop flexibility, strength, techniques and balance through athletics. In striking/fielding games, we will develop good throwing and batting techniques whilst engaging in games such as cricket and rounders. You could help your child at home by continuing to encourage them to complete the Government's recommended sixty minutes of exercise per day.

Religious Education (RE)

In RE, are studying a unit of work entitled 'Features and Patterns of Worship.' We will identify the main features and patterns of an act of worship and talk about the importance of worship for believers. You could help your child at home by talking about times when people meet.

Health and Relationships Education (HRE)

We will be continuing to study HRE at assembly times and as part of lessons. We will be working on the myHappyMind programme to support our mental and emotional health. We will be undertaking two modules, 'Relate' and 'Engage.' You could help your child at home by using the myHappyMind app.