

Y4 Curriculum Matters Autumn 1

Animals including humans

This half term, our theme is science based and the children will be learning all about teeth and the digestive system. The children will be introduced to the main body parts associated with the digestive system and explore questions that help them to understand their special functions. They will also be exploring a variety of animal's habitats and how these can change over time as well as recognising and using classification keys to group a range of living things.



English



Maths

This half term the children will be looking at range of texts and DVD clips to develop their understanding of stories set in imaginary worlds. They will be encouraged to use their senses to help them to describe their settings and characters.

Children will be encouraged to draft and edit their work in order to improve the overall quality of their writing.

They will also create a range of non-fiction texts linked to our theme.

English Target: To read a range of texts and discuss their understanding.

We will be focusing on number work for the first few weeks. This will involve place value including partitioning and developing mental and written addition and subtraction strategies to support their calculations. This will lead on to problem solving using 'real life' problems. Some problems will involve more than one step.

They will also be developing the accuracy and speed of their times tables, as a major Year 4 target is to know all the times tables up to 12 x 12.

Maths Target: To learn the 3, 4 and 6 times tables and related division facts off by heart.

FRENCH

The children will be introduced to French customs, traditions, language and food. They will learn numbers to 20, basic colours and the names of different animals.

Design & Technology

As part of our 'What's Under the Skin' theme, the children will be analysing how books can move. They will learn how to make different moving mechanisms then use these skills to design and make their very own pop up book!

Christianity

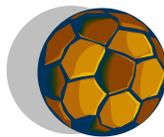


The children will look at sources of evidence to understand the personality and appearance of Jesus. They will read Bible extracts in order to learn about his life, teachings and death.

PE

This half term,

PE is on Wednesday.



Sports Development Coaches will be working with Year 4 this half term to develop rugby skills. In all P.E. activities the usual safety rules apply:

- No jewellery. Earrings must be removed.
- Hair must be tied back.
- Children must have suitable black footwear to change into.
- P.E. kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and black shorts.

SWIMMING

4JW will begin swimming this half term (on Friday 13th September).

More details to follow...



Homework



English and Maths homework will be set each **Friday**, to be handed in by the following **Wednesday**. The children will be issued with a spelling list to learn each week and they will be tested on the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible, and to practise their times tables. Many thanks for your support!