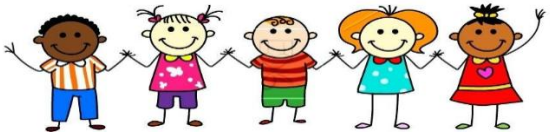


What's happening during the **Autumn term 2** in Year 4?





Literacy

Writing – Key text for this half term is 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S.Lewis.

Children will explore the features of a portal story, learning how to create engaging openings and endings while transporting their reader into a new and exciting world. They will develop their writing by using time, place and weather starters, building suspense through dramatic openings and varied sentence lengths and applying key grammar skills such as fronted adverbials, conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and accurate punctuation to create clear, cohesive and imaginative narratives.

Reading – We will focus on key reading skills such as:
- retrieving information
- understanding of the vocabulary that has been used
- inference skills - drawing on
- making predictions in a text
- Improving reading fluency
- engage an audience when reading aloud

Spelling – Children will be further encouraged to explore a range of spelling rules and strategies for learning spellings. Spelling homework will be set on a weekly basis so that the children can regularly practice with the spellings that we cover in lessons. This will provide additional opportunities to become more familiar with the rules in various contexts.

Handwriting – dedicated lessons will take place once a week with a focus on ensuring children take pride in their writing and keep a high quality maintained.

SPAG- Punctuation and grammar will be explored as part of our daily English lessons where the children will examine how specific techniques have an effect on the reader and be able to name these techniques when providing examples in their writing.

Wider Curriculum



History- Life in Ancient Rome
-Locating Ancient Rome
-Monarchy, Republic, Empire: Rome's different governments
-Pompeii
-A day in the life of Ancient Rome
- Latin: A Roman legacy

Art - Space
Artists: Matisse, Millet, Bonheur, Bruegel, Turner
3D FORM, DRAWING

Science – Living Things and their Habitats
Classification of animals, classification keys, adaptations and classification within species, pond plants

PHSE- Relationships
VIPs

Computing - Creating Media
Audio Production
E Safety - Self-image and identity, online relationships, online reputation

Design Technology
Sewing
Designing and making Cushions

Maths

The children will move their learning forward in beginning the Year 4 objectives in Maths. This will include the following areas:

Area
- Find the area of shapes by counting squares
- Making rectilinear shapes
- Comparing area of shapes

Multiplication and division
- Recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 × 12
- Use place value, to multiply and divide mentally, including multiplying by 0 and 1; dividing by 1; multiplying together 3 numbers
- Recognise and use factor pairs in mental calculations

Regular times table practice with weekly 2-mintute tests and arithmetic tests will take place.

PE

PE will to be held on **Tuesday.** Please ensure your child wears the correct PE uniform- a white t-shirt, navy blue tracksuit or leggings and a jumper.

No earrings and long hair tied back please**.** Children should come into school wearing their kits and will remain in this for the rest of the day.

Homework

Homework will be set for maths and spelling every week - will be given out Friday and it is to be returned by the following Wednesday.

Regular TT Rockstars practice.

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Christianity
What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?