

Maths

This term the children will continue to learn all about number and place value. We will concentrate on different methods of calculation with regards to multiplication and division, giving the children a range of strategies to help them. We will study co-ordinates and how to plot polygons on a grid. We will also teach the children how to move their shapes via translation

As times tables are key to many aspects of maths, we encourage children to practise these daily. We have now instigated a multiplication challenge which the children are really enjoying.

Homework

Weekly home learning consists of practising times tables daily, ready for our Planet Challenge. It is an expectation of Year 4 that all times tables up to 12x12 should be learnt off by heart. Spellings are handed out at the beginning of each week, with a test on Friday. We will also set up maths homework on the computer to be completed weekly. Your child will be given the correct log in details. Should your child not have access to the internet for any reason, homework can be completed during lunchtimes at Maths Club.

Please also ensure that your child is reading every night and their book and reading record is brought into school every day, thus ensuring their book is changed regularly. If you would like your child's book changed more frequently, then please remind them to do so. Don't forget to talk to your child about what they have been learning.

PSHE

Our value this term is 'Respect'. Our aim is to help the children to appreciate that we are all different and believe in different things. We are instilling in the children a sense of mutual respect and the rewards that brings. We will be learning about the way respect is given and earned in a variety of situations.



P.E. Days

Mondays and Wednesdays—**4KS**
Mondays and Thursdays—**4NM**

Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor P.E. kit, which is labelled, in school all week, as sometimes our P.E days will need to be flexible. As of this term, we will be sending letters home should your child not bring the entire and correct P.E. kit.

Key Dates

2nd December—4KS Clarinet Concert
5th December—4KS Church Visit
6th December—4NM Church Visit
9th December—Christmas Fayre
19th Dec—Christmas Disco/Parties
20th Dec— Christmas Production



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A crazy scientist will be visiting year four this term, bringing all sorts of electrical experiments with him. The children will be encouraged to ask many questions and also to participate as the scientist often needs an assistant!

This will inspire the children to delve deeper into science as we create various circuits and experiments in the classroom.



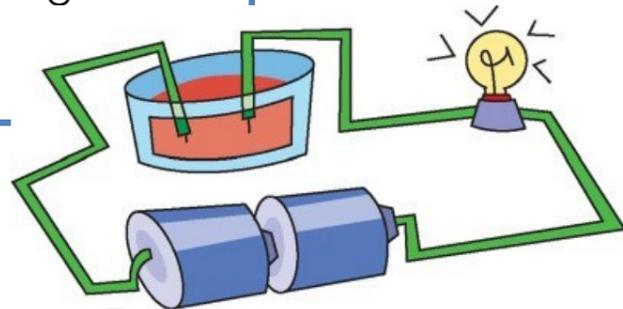
ELECTRICITY



After poetry week the children challenged themselves to write some fantastic Autumn and Harvest poems which they were able to perform at our Harvest Festival. They performed magnificently.

Science

This term in Science, we will be learning all about electricity. We have already discovered how electricity works and how it travels into our homes. We will be learning about how electrical circuits work and what materials can complete a circuit. We will also be investigating switches, recording and reporting investigations.



P.E /Games

During our P.E. lessons, we will be learning to co-operate with each other to create a dance routine. We are specifically concentrating on our co-ordination and agility. We may play hockey games outside and therefore will go out in all weather so please make sure your child brings in suitable footwear to wear outside. As the weather gets colder, we would ask that the children bring tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt to wear outside. They may want to bring a pair of gloves also.

Cooking

We will continue cooking throughout this term learning about healthy food and safely preparing food. For your reference the list of ingredients is on our door.



English

This term Year 4 have already written their own adventure story about a dragon. They have learned how to describe characters and settings effectively. They are now learning how to write diary entries, using 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' for inspiration. They will learn how to write in the first person and past tense, incorporating their feelings and write in informal language. For homework, we have given the children a book to write diary entries over a two week period. We hope they enjoy this experience.

Nearer the end of this term we will be learning how to write instructions correctly. The children will learn how to use sequential steps, imperative verbs and adverbs of time.

To aid our reading and comprehension skills, we also have a daily guided reading session where we will focus on vocabulary skills and literal meaning.

Topic

Within our topic lessons we will be learning about the Romans. We have already met the centurion Mintus Maximus, which gave us opportunities to ask him what life was like in Rome. We have tasted food that

Romans would have eaten and have started to find out which countries they invaded. We will be researching famous Romans such as Julius Caesar and learning about the battle involving Boudicca.



Religious Education

This term, Year 4 will be studying Light and dark in relation to religion. We will learn how different cultures and religions use light and dark imagery. Our studies will lead us into understanding the different celebrations that religions have, such as Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas and how light plays an important role in each.