

Year 4 Curriculum Leaflet

Autumn Term

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English

Children will be developing their use of adjectives, conjunctions, fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses, through the following text types: non chronological report, biography, narrative, poetry and instructions. A continued application of spelling and grammar features will run throughout and development of a variety of punctuation marks and vocabulary.

Maths

This term we will continue to develop our mastery approach. This will include place value to 10,000, addition and subtraction, perimeter and multiplying and dividing. The children will continue to use 'Times Table Rockstars' to develop their fluency. There is daily opportunity for fluency and catch up for children. The children will be developing their explanations and reasoning.

French

The children will be looking at two units of French work: La date (the date) and Quel temps fait-il? (What is the weather like?). Throughout these units, the children will be given opportunities for speaking and listening and beginning to write short phrases and sentences.

Music

Children will develop their composition skills. The children will choose, order, combine and control sound to create an effect. The children will begin to show recognition of a minim, crochet and semibreve and say how many beats they each represent. They will continue to develop their understanding of different genres of music.

PSHE

This term, the children will learn about **being part of a class and school community**. They will explore their rights and responsibilities, teamwork, democracy and making decisions together. They will develop their confidence to **share their ideas appropriately, listen to others and understand why everyone should have a voice**. They will learn how being democratic and respecting different opinions can help everyone feel **heard, valued and included**.

Enrichment Offer

Children will learn about their place in the wider world, empowering them to make informed, positive choices for the environment, animals and their community. Enrichment experiences, including land art at Warley Woods, a Dudley Zoo visit, fundraising and a Christmas party, build cultural capital while developing empathy, debating, creative problem-solving, practical independence and social responsibility.

History

The children will have a brief look at activist and advocates who have changed history and how we live today. Through this brief study the children will begin to understand that popular opinion hasn't always been the same. They will examine a range of significant figures who spoke out to make change before they have their own protest on the playground.

Art and Design

During the first term, we will be looking at the topic of sculpture. We will explore how we can be inspired by nature, examining natural form and textures. Our artists studies will focus on the work of Andy Goldsworthy, Rechang Tsang and Noriko Kuresumi. In the second half of the term, we will be learning how to use watercolours and taught to develop their control of this medium.

Science

Children's knowledge and skills will be developed through units of work on Animals and their habitats. These units will provide children with an understanding of the animal kingdom, plant kingdom and their local environment. The children will also explore climate change and the impact it has, whilst looking to make positive changes.

Computing

The children will develop their use of basic computer navigation, internet safety and essential skills such as editing and saving a word document and using the internet to complete effective research. They will also develop an understanding of the internet, what it is, how it works, who owns it and can they believe everything they read on it.

Geography

The children will focus on human and physical geography within Russia and the UK, making comparisons. The children will be locating and looking at the major cities within them. There will be a focus on the five main lines of latitude and understand the Northern and Southern hemispheres. We will also be looking at the way that the environment is changing due to global warming and how we can contribute to conservation.

Design and Technology

We will be looking at a variety of stitches; cross stitch, running stitch, backstitch and blanket stitch, to practise in order to create a Christmas product at the end of term. Children will develop confidence in basic sewing skills. They will develop the competency to be able to thread a needle, cast off their stitching and select and use a wide range of stitches for various purposes.

PE

The children will be developing their confidence in swimming and then will be practising a range of strokes during our weekly visits to Sandwell Aquatics Centre. The children will also be developing their football and gymnastics skills. Through these units, the children will learn how to dribble, pass and shoot the ball. They will then be able to strike the ball confidently and play a game of football competitively. In gymnastics, the children will develop their balancing and rolling techniques and stability.

Religious Education

Our units of work will be: 'What is it like to be a Hindu in Britain today?' and 'Keeping the five pillars of Islam'. Throughout these units, the children will be looking at worship, the community and celebrations.