

Year 4 Curriculum Overview Spring Term 1 2025

English

This half term the pupils will be exploring richer vocabulary for cloudy, dark and rainy words. They will be applying this knowledge in their independent writing as they write a narrative called 'Into the forest' based on a familiar text from last half term. The children will also have the opportunity to show off their writing skills by writing their own version of 'The Borrowers'. Finally, the children will be exploring persuasive texts around healthy eating and will be producing their own persuasive report at the end.

Maths

This half term, the pupils will be spending a few weeks on multiplication and division. They will be focussing on finding factor pairs of a given number using their knowledge of times tables, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and using both formal and informal methods of multiplication and division. They will then move on to studying units of metric measure.

Guided reading texts:

The Beasts of Clawstone Castle by Eva Ibbotson (4A)

A series of unfortunate events- The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket (Pen Name) (4B)

Science

Pupils will investigate the properties of solids, liquids and gases. They will learn about states of matter, i.e., solids, liquids and gases. Children will also learn about the water cycle and investigate how temperature affects the rate of evaporation.

Humanities - History

Pupils will be studying the Anglo-Saxons this half term. They will be looking at why they invaded Britain, the impact of Sutton Hoo and what their settlements looked like. They will also be learning about King Alfred and what made him 'great.' 4B's class assembly will also be on this topic.

Art and Design

Pupils will be learning how to transform 2D card shapes into three-dimensional structures and sculptures. We will explore abstract shapes and space, develop skills in constructing 3D objects, and understand the difference between 2D and 3D Art.

Computing

In this unit, pupils will develop their research, word processing and collaborative working skills whilst learning how web pages and web sites are created.

French

Pupils will be learning how to introduce their family members in French. We will also be learning how to share family members' birthdays.

Music

In this half-term, children will explore the features of gamelan music including the Slendro scale and cyclical rhythmic patterns. Pupils will identify traditional gamelan instruments and will learn about the concept of an octave.

RE

Pupils will be studying promises and how the ceremonies have similarities and differences to each other. They will also be looking at what outward signs of belief people demonstrate and what things people sacrifice for their beliefs.

PE

Children will be applying their learning of "excellent gymnastics" from the previous term in creating sequences.
Pupils will explore creating sequences on the floor using a range of movements that flow and incorporate a change in level.

PSHE

Pupils will be continuing their 'family and relationship lessons' this half term exploring mental health, my happiness and emotions. Pupils will then move on to the 'safety and the changing body' unit where they will learn about internet safety and asthma.

<u>Assemblies:</u> Children will learn about the value of **honesty** this half term through our assemblies. They will also learn about the significance of The Chinese New Year and how to be safe on the internet. Classes 5A, 4B and 2B will be performing their class assemblies to parents and their peers during this half term.