



Year 4 Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term 1

English

Pupils will develop their understanding of conjunctions to express time or cause as well as learn to punctuate direct speech. They will study the genres of fables and explanations using *Aesop's Fables* by Michael Rosen and *Live Like a Roman* by Claire Saunders.

Maths

Pupils will begin the year looking at numbers to 10000 and they will practise solving problems and estimating numbers to 10000 using different representations. Pupils will use this knowledge to add and subtract 4 digit numbers using both mental and written strategies.

Guided reading texts - *Charlotte's Web* by E.B White/*A Series of Unfortunate Events* by L.Snicket

Science

In this half term's chemistry unit, pupils will explore the properties of solids, liquids and gases. They will plan and complete experiments to observe what happens when you heat and cool states of matter and how to measure melting and boiling points using scientific equipment. This unit builds upon the practical skills unit from year 3.

Humanities - History

Pupils will learn about the Roman Empire and how it became powerful. They will look at the influences the Romans had on Britain and what led to the eventual collapse of the Roman Empire. Pupils will find out about Roman towns and how they were laid out. Our trip will be linked to our history unit this half term.

Art and Design

Children will be developing their drawing skills this half term. They will create several pencil tones when shading and a simple 3D effect. They will explore perspective and also how different tools create different marks and patterns on painted surfaces. Finally, they will create a final piece based on their original compositions.

Computing

Pupils will explore computing systems and networks. Working together on a collaborative document with Google Slides.

French

Pupils will learn vocabulary linked to the classroom. They will learn about the use of J'ai (I have) and Je n'ai pas de (I do not have).

Music

Pupils will learn how different musical sections help to create structure within a piece of music. They will explore how patterns are created in music by the repetition of choruses and verses. They will study a variety of genres including country and classical music.

RE

Pupils will build upon their learning of Judaism from Year 2 with a particular focus on the special relationship that Jews have with God and the promises they make to each other. They will learn about the covenant story of Abraham and the ten commandments.

PE

Pupils will build on prior learning of invasion games by playing Netball. They will explore tactics and passing. In their outdoor running unit, they will develop their sprinting and long-distance techniques. They will also explore the necessity for self-analysis in order to improve technique.

PSHE

Pupils will learn that families are varied and differences must be respected. They will learn about the physical and emotional boundaries in friendships. In addition to this, they will look at manners and start to learn about bereavement.

Assembly themes: Children will learn about the value of **respect** this half term. They will also learn about the significance of Harvest Festivals for Christians and build upon their knowledge of The Wavendon Gate Way, our behaviour curriculum.