

Year 4 – Autumn 2



English

Reading - This term in English, children will continue to develop their reading skills through guided reading sessions which will focus on fluency and comprehension. It is vital for children to read each day at home so that they can discuss their group's book during our sessions. We will continue to read, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf. Children will be encouraged to share their favourite books and discuss their favourite authors with the class.

Writing- Children will develop their basic writing skills and continue to build on these while practising application of spelling, grammar and punctuation. They will apply their learning to writing a persuasive advert inviting people to travel to Paris on holiday, which links in with their geography learning. In the last part of this half term, the children will write an exciting newspaper article relating to Christmas. They will continue to have discreet handwriting lessons.

Computers

In ICT, children will learn how to use different search engines and websites to check and verify information. They will make a PowerPoint with text, images, sound or videos. They will be able to explain why they have used and positioned images in a particular way and how this makes the end product better. They will then learn how to refine their work using different tools.

Geography

This term in geography, children will be taking a close look at Europe and focusing on Paris. They will learn about some physical and human features of France, use an atlas to locate some European countries, and compare the climate of Paris to other areas of France. They will have the opportunity to prepare and enjoy some French food which will give them some insight into another culture. They will then compare Newcastle-Upon-Tyne with Paris.

DT

Children will work with partners to build a vehicle powered by electricity. We would be very grateful if you could send a shoe box in with a removable lid for the body – if you have any spare, please send those too. Thank you.

Maths

This half term the children will learn:

Shape – children will learn about polygons and symmetry.

Statistics - children will learn how to interpret and draw line graphs.

Addition and Subtraction – children will learn to add and subtract up to 4-digit numbers. They will then learn strategies for checking their answers.

Multiplication and Division – Children will learn multiplication and division facts for times tables and apply this learning to tackling questions which include reasoning and problem solving.

Times tables – Children will be revising all of the times tables throughout the year. It is important that the children practice these at home as well as in school.

RE

Children will continue to learn about Reconciliation and recognise the importance of an examination of conscience. Through parables, they will deepen their understanding of God as a forgiving father who will always welcome us back when we sin if we are truly sorry.

PD

This half term, the children will discuss why it important to respect their bodies and learn about some of the changes that their bodies will go through during puberty. They will continue to develop their understanding of positive relationships and how to be safe, happy and learn well.

Important Dates

Monday 6th Nov. – Book fair in hall 3:15 4pm

Friday 17th Nov. – Children in Need non uniform day.

Wednesday 18th Dec. – Liturgical Prayers and Christmas Crafts Year 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday 13th Dec. 6pm Year 4, 5 and 6 Performance

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

Wednesday 20th Dec. Whole School Mass

Thursday 21st Dec. Whole School Pantomime

Friday 22nd December – Inset Day

At Home/Important information

Science

This term in science, the topic is Living Things and Their Habitats. The children will learn that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways and explore and use classification keys to help identify, group and name a variety of living thing. They will learn to recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose a danger to living things.

French

Children will learn how to introduce themselves – Je me presente. They will learn to ask how someone is and respond when asked how they are. After that, they will learn how to discuss their families

Music

During music lessons, children will have the opportunity to learn how to play notes and a song on the trumpet.

PE

In PE, children be swimming every Friday afternoon. They will develop their confidence and competency using a variety of strokes.

The children's reading books are changed either every Monday or Tuesday and they will keep this book for the week depending . They need to bring this into school every day, as there are always reading opportunities throughout the day. Reading records should be signed by an adult at home when they read in the evening. Children will also have book from the class library to read for pleasure, which the children pick themselves.

Spelling homework goes home on a Thursday to be returned the following Thursday. Practising everyday will help embed the spelling rule and prepare for the weekly spelling test. Children will also receive a timestables/maths task on Thursdays which they will need to complete for the following Thursday.