

Curriculum Overview



Year 4 – Autumn 1

Maths: Our main focus will be number and place value, addition and subtraction and we will also continue to learn our times tables. The following targets will be taught:

- Recognise the value of each digit in a 4-digit number
- Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations
- Order and compare numbers beyond 1000
- Find 1000 more or less than a given number
- Solve number problems
- Add up to 4-digits using the column method
- Subtract up to 4-digits using the column method
- Solve + and - 2-step problems, deciding which operation to use

English: We will begin the year by looking at poetry. We will be looking specifically at one poem called 'Happy Feels Like'. The children will learn about different types of poems and look at the features of them to be able to write their own version.

At the beginning of October, the children will start live English lessons with the author Pie Corbett and blogger Deputy Mitchell. The children will focus on the following targets

- I can write sentences with fronted adverbials
- I can use inverted commas to mark direct speech
- I can explore the use of the possessive apostrophe

Science: This half term we are going to start a new unit 'Living Things and Their Habitats.'

The targets we will be looking at are

- Tell you about how different living things can be grouped together in a variety of ways.
- Tell you about how environmental changes can affect living things.
- Explore and use a classification key.

We will also be looking at working scientifically targets and will be recording our findings in various way.

French: We will be starting the year by learning how to greet others in French, how to introduce ourselves and also we will be looking at how to talk about our family.

Important Dates

8th/9th September- Rivers Trust Workshop

17th September- CAD (Computer Aiding Design) training

22nd September- River walk

5th October- Art Exhibition

12th October- Nasal Flu Vaccine

13th October- Trikidz activity

22nd October- Finish for half term

<https://www.gillibrand.lancsngfl.ac.uk/events>

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Topic: We are starting the year off with a geography topic on Rivers. The children will be learning about the different geographical features of rivers and will use key vocabulary to describe the different parts of a river.

We will also be looking at some mapping skills and the children will be using atlases and maps to locate different rivers in the world and then more specifically in the UK. We will also be using digimap to locate and find different rivers in the UK.

We are also going to be looking at OS maps symbols and use these to locate different features on maps.

In the next few weeks, the children will be going to visit the River Chor and will be looking at the different features which we have learned about.



PSHE: This term's topic will be Valuing Differences. The targets which we will be looking at are:

- I can give examples of different community groups and what is good about having different groups.
- I can recognise that there are many different types of family including 'adoption' 'fostering' and 'same-sex relationships.'
- I can identify similarities and differences between a diverse range of people from varying national, regional, ethnic and religious backgrounds.
- I can explain why it's important to challenge stereotypes that might be applied to me or others.

Art: This half term we will be focusing on drawing and painting skills. The children will be completing their art work based on our topic of rivers. We will be drawing from life using detailed observations. We will then be painting our drawing using many different tools.

Music: During this half term in music we are going to be listening to and appreciating music. We will discuss what types of instruments we can hear and what we like and dislike about it.

RE: This term our RE unit is Hindu Dharma and we will be focusing on the question 'What might a Hindu learn through Diwali?' The children will be looking at the story of Rama and Sita and will also explain how and why Hindus celebrate Diwali.

Computing: During this half term, we will be using different devices to record and then will be learning how to use input devices such as cameras, iPad, sensors and sound recording devices. We will also be selecting, using and combining a variety of software on a range of digital devices to accomplish given goals with support.

P.E: This half term for our PE, we will be going swimming to All Seasons Leisure Centre in Chorley. Please ensure children have their swimming kits on **THURSDAYS**.