

# Spring 2022– Curriculum News

January 2022

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the new year.

We begin our term with Art. We will be learning about the work of Georgia O’Keeffe and exploring ways of using paint to create texture and form. Our history learning will take us back to the time of the Anglo Saxons. We will be finding out about their everyday lives, their origins and their importance in British history. We will find out where this historical period is placed alongside the chronology of other historical periods the children know. In our Science lessons, we will be learning about teeth, the digestive system and food chains. Our Geography lessons will focus on longitude and latitude, time zones and how they affect us. In Computing, we will be learning about computing systems and networks followed by data handling. PSHE will be taught weekly and will focus on ‘Dreams and Goals’ and ‘Healthy Me’. These topics will explore our ambitions and sources of inspiration as well as how to keep ourselves healthy by learning about balanced diets, exercise and healthy lifestyle choices. Speaking and listening will be a central aspect of this subject. In our R.E lessons, we will be exploring Buddhism and whether its teachings make the world a better place. In the second half of the term, we will be learning about Christianity and forgiveness.

## Year 4 staff

**Mr Marsh** (Mon, Tues and Fri)

**Miss Jones** (Weds and Thurs)  
Mexico class

**Miss Morgan**  
Morocco Class

**Mrs Di Blasio**

**Mrs Cragg**  
PPA Cover

**Mrs Cunningham**  
**Mrs Fitchett**  
Learning Support Assistants



## English

Children will be exploring lots of different genres. These will include poetry, explanation texts (linked to our Science), narrative, persuasive letter (linked to our PSHE). Where possible, we will link our writing to our History, Science and PSHE learning. We will also draw on ideas and themes from our reading sessions.



## Reading

Children will be given regular opportunities to change their colour banded or ‘free reader’ books. Please listen to your child **read at least 3 times a week** and record this, with a signature, in your child’s reading log. We also encourage children to record any independent reading they have done at home.



## Mathematics

Children will further explore multiplication and division this term, using formal written methods. They will complete problem solving activities to further their understanding of the number system. We will begin new learning about area and decimals and extend our learning about fractions. Children will continue to practice their times tables in readiness for the government’s multiplication table check: for this they will need to know all of the multiplication tables up to 12 and be able to respond with an answer within 6 seconds. Any support you can give at home would greatly help your child to be fully prepared for this. Frequent use of Times Table Rock Stars is highly recommended.

## Recommended Read



**The Girl who Talked to Trees.**  
Natasha Farrant

*Olive makes a promise to the four-hundred-year-old oak tree...*



## Rainbow Challenges

Create a model of a tooth.  
Create and build your own Anglo -Saxon house.

Write a postcard from your country.

When going for a walk, try to notice what happens in nature as Spring arrives.

Learn how to tie knots (shoelaces, end of a thread, etc)

Paint a picture of a flower like Georgia O’Keeffe.

Learn how to make your bed (ready for the residential trip!)



## Home Learning

From Friday 7 January, your child will be given a weekly piece of vocabulary homework AND a maths OR English task to complete on Showbie. This task will be related to the learning in the classroom. It will be set on Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Children will also have a new set of spellings to learn each week related to the spelling rule/pattern being taught in class; these will be accessible on Showbie and recorded in reading logs. These will be tested on Fridays within sentences.



## PE

PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct P.E kit on both of these days. Warm clothes will be needed; this includes a dark coloured jumper as children should not wear their school jumper for P.E. **Earrings must be removed and long hair tied back for safety reasons.**