

Autumn 2023– Curriculum News

September 2023

We hope you had a tremendous summer and are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the year ahead. We begin our term with a History focus on Ancient Rome. We will be learning about who the Romans were and what their everyday life was like. We will find out where this historical period is placed alongside the chronology of other historical periods the children know. The children will explore the Roman's development of technology and discover the significance of Queen Boudica. In our Science lessons, we will be learning about living things and their habitats to understand how living things are classified and what characterises the various groups of species living on our planet. After half term, we move on to 'States of Matter'. Our Geography lessons will focus on how the water cycle works and what affects it. In Computing, we will be learning how to stay safe online and we will also begin our journey finding out how to use ipads in the classroom to support and enrich our learning. PSHE will be taught weekly and will focus on 'Being Me in My World', which explores how we fit into our communities and the importance of rules. Speaking and listening will be a central aspect of this subject. In our R.E lessons, we will be exploring Buddhism and the pursuit of happiness. We will be continue learning how to play the ukulele in our Music lessons and will learn about composition, notation and various genres of music. We will also enjoy our trip to Pizza Express, where we will learn how to make a pizza from scratch.

Year 4 staff

Mr Marsh (Weds, Thurs, Fri)

Mrs Jones (Mon, Tues)

Mexico Class

Mrs Hughes

Morocco Class

Mrs Hyden &

Mr Crouch

Learning Support Assistants

Mrs Cragg &

Mr Newson

PPA Cover

Mr Cole

Music / Ukulele teaching



English

We will begin our writing lessons by revisiting sentence structures and word classes. Children will then explore a range of genres including: newspaper reports: persuasive adverts: poetry: narrative and diary entries. Handwriting will be taught and pen licenses awarded!



Reading

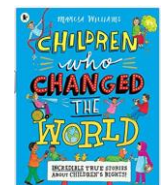
Reading for pleasure is hugely important. It is expected that children will read at home daily and this will be individually signed in their reading diaries a minimum of 3 times a week and signed by an adult at home. In our Guided Reading sessions, we will read 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said.



Mathematics

Children will explore number and place value this term, working with numbers with up to 4 digits. They will complete problem solving activities to further their understanding of the number system. Formal methods will be used for addition and subtraction as well as consolidating mental strategies. Children will continue with their times table this year, however they will take the government's multiplication table check where 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



'Children who Changed the World' by Marcia Williams. Be inspired by the true stories of



Rainbow Challenges

Make a musical instrument

Create and build your own Roman colosseum

Write a visitor guide to your country

When doing your daily exercise,

listen to the sounds around you and

try to recreate these sounds at

home. Challenge: can you

experiment with the volume and

pitch?

Create your own times table poster

Create a Roman invasion scene



Home Learning

From Friday 15th, we will be setting home learning. This will be a maths OR English task in addition to a spelling 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 learn a new spelling concept each fortnight and spelling games will be set on Spelling Shed which relate to the spelling rule/pattern being taught in class. It is an expectation that children play at least 5 games in order to learn the spellings rules on which they are tested via a dictation task on Mondays. Times Tables Rockstars is highly recommended to enhance and secure the children's knowledge of multiplication and division facts. Please encourage your child to practice on TTRS as frequently as possible.



PE

PE will be on Mondays 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.