

Year 4 Learning Journey

Autumn 1

English

In English this term year 4 will be looking at a narrative unit using the classic text 'Wind in the Willows'. They will look at setting and character descriptions as well as making links to present day environmental dilemmas through a persuasive letter. Following this they will look at 'A River' by Marc Martin which will follow the Wind in the Willows novel. This unit uses descriptive writing focusing on setting and character. It also uses previous Y3 geography knowledge to discuss the impact around human settlements on nature.

History / Geography

In History, Year 4 will be studying the Roman Republic. They will look at how Rome changed when it became republic, and answer their big question 'How much power did the senate have in the Roman Republic?'

In Geography, they will be studying the Rhine and the Mediterranean. They will look at how the Rhine was used, the land shape and the how the Mediterranean Sea is used to enable them to answer their big question 'How have land and people shaped the Rhine and the Mediterranean?'

Science

During this first term children are looking at 'States of matter' and will be comparing and grouping materials. They will use key scientific vocabulary such as evaporation and condensation when categorizing objects and explaining how materials change state.

Parents as Partners

Please regularly practise times tables and read daily with your child.

Art and Design

In Art the children will be able to make a variety of marks in response to vocabulary or a story. They will learn to discuss natural forms or art and discuss this analytically.

Religious Education

This term in RE, Y4 are looking at the Domestic Church and Family. They will look at a variety of stories from God's Story 2 that demonstrate the different ways in which we find family. After this topic the children will learn about Judaism the Torah as well as beginning their Sacramental Preparation.

'Learning together in faith and love, we shine as children of God'

Computing

Year 4 will be applying their knowledge and understanding of networks and how this helps secure the internet. They will be given opportunities to explore the world wide web in order to learn about what they can access, as well as how honest, accurate and reliable it is.

Physical Education

Children will be swimming every Monday afternoon, where they will continue to develop their swimming skills and understanding of water safety.

Mathematics

Year 4's first term of maths will begin with Place value focus, retrieving and embedding knowledge of the value of each digit in a number and the value depends on where the number is. Following this they will focusing on addition and subtraction of up to 4 digit numbers and how to calculate when there is one or more exchange.

Music

This half term in music we will be focusing on musical structures. They will be looking at how musical sections create the structure for a piece of music or a song. Through this they will be exploring how different music can bring us together.

Modern Foreign Languages

Over the Autumn term Year 4 are learning Spanish with a focus on phonics, adjectives, asking yes or no questions, describe people, places and things and learning common classroom vocabulary.