

During this term, Year 4 will be studying a wide range of subjects. Mathematics, English, Science, PE, PSHE, Music and Computing will be taught weekly, whilst all other subjects will be taught through focus weeks. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> is a useful website for all topics across the range of subjects.

Mathematics In Maths, children will be learning a range of skills around number and place value. We will be focusing on the value each digit hold within the position of a number. For example, 5678, there are 5 thousands. We also have a times table SAT test this year so this will be a huge focus for year 4. For your child to maximise their potential, they will need rapid recall of all multiplication facts and their corresponding division facts (inverse operations). They can practice online with Rock Stars or Hit the Button or they could play lots of fun number games to build up their confidence.

English: In writing lessons, the children will be applying learned techniques to write a mythological story based on 'Theseus and the Minotaur.' We will be having a big push in year 4 this term on reading at home and look forward to lots of children achieving their rainbow reading badges.

Science: Year 4 will be developing their investigative skills by following lines of enquiry. Our first topic that we will be focusing on will be sound. It would be useful for children to explore the following website; www.bbc.co.uk/



Year 4

Our Learning Journey

Autumn Term 2023

History In History, children will learn about the Greeks. We will look at who they were, their fight for territory and how they worshipped a variety of Gods. We will also look at the impact that the Ancient Greeks had on the world we live in today.

Geography: In geography this term we will be learning about France, linking in with our new language of French. We will investigate the different cities in France, looking at how the land is used, the physical features that France has in comparison to the UK and we will also look at the buildings France has and compare them to the most iconic buildings that we have here in the UK.

Art: Our focus artist this term is Leonardo da Vinci,. During our art day later in the term, the children will learn about the work that he produced, who Leonardo da Vinci was and the style of art that he specialized in. If you would like to find out more about Leonardo da Vinci, please use the following website <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Leonardo-da-Vinci/353378>

French: We will be starting French lessons. We will be learning different greetings and how to share information about ourselves, such as who is in their family. We will learn how to describe features of a person and say what they are like.

Music: In our music lessons, the children will be taught to sing and play musically with increasing confidence and control. They will develop an understanding of musical composition, organise and manipulate ideas within musical structures to reproduce sounds from aural memory. We will start with music from Abba—mamma mia.

RE: Children will be learning about the importance of rules and how different situations may require different rules. They will study the code of conducts or 'rules' of the Christian, Islamic and Sikh faiths. You could discuss with your child different rules that they have at home or as part of any clubs or organisations that they attend.

PSHE: Our focus this term is 'Dreams and Goals' We will be thinking about our future aspirations and goals and finding ways to achieve them.

You could encourage your child to think about what makes them unique. We will also be learning about **British Values** and **Right and Responsibilities** through our lesson and class assemblies.

Computing: This term, children will be using a range of programs on Purple Mash to learn **coding** and about **online safety**. They will learn how to keep their own data safe online and how to read, write and debug computer algorithms. You can access Purple Mash at home through your child's RM Unify log-in which is in their diaries.

Homework

Please ensure your child reads everyday and sign their



Extra curricular

We very much hope to have a trip related to our topic but as yet nothing has been finalised. As soon as there is something in the diary, we will let you know. We are also really looking forward to taking the children on their first residential to PGL this year.

Reading at home: We would like reading books and diaries in school EVERY DAY and would expect that your child reads at home **daily**. Please aim to sign their diaries at least 3 times each week. Remember they don't have to only read books - newspapers, comics, the internet, television guides and games rules are all texts too! The more your child reads, the greater their vocabulary will be and the greater their understanding and ability to use English. Please encourage them to love reading.

Poetry recital Each half term children will be given 2 poems to learn at home. They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes and answer a few questions, to demonstrate their understanding of content, techniques and vocabulary. This helps improve children's skills of speaking clearly and slowly, as well as enhancing their imagination and vocabulary range—thus improving their

