

During the spring term, Year 4 will be studying a wide range of subjects. Mathematics, English, Science, PE and swimming, 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 also be recapping addition and subtraction skills, along side multiplication and division, before moving on to measurement, shape and statistics. We also have the times table MTC 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) up to 12 x 12. They can practice online with their times table Rock Stars or Hit the Button or they could play lots of fun number games to build up their confidence. Weekly superhero tests will continue with lots of certificates available for people who are 'earning their tables'!

English: In writing lessons, we will be writing a diary entry as a Roman slave, from the book "Roman Diary I", a poem, based on the a poem "The River" by Valery Bloom and two narratives— one based on an adventure story (The Whale) and one on a science fiction story.

In VIPERS we are focussing on improving our reading skills to source information from a variety of texts. We are practising the skills within VIPERS; vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising. We are learning to answer in full sentences, quoting the text where possible and also how to scan a text to locate an answer. We are practising assessment style questions regularly through DNA (do it now) activities and we will be looking at a variety of texts, both fiction and non-fiction. It would be really beneficial to your child if you regularly ask them questions about their home reading books, and ask them to locate specific information from pages they are reading.

Science: In Science, we will be learning about electricity to begin with and then moving on to learn about animals, including humans. It would be useful for children to explore the following website; www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgffr82/year/z63tt39 Key vocabulary for this term; battery, watt, charge, light, heat, body. Children could look for things at home that use electricity— battery powered and mains powered.

Key vocabulary: current, voltage, amp, battery, bulb, switch



Year 4

Our Learning Journey

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History In History, children will learn all about the Romans. We will focus on the Roman invasion of Great Britain and the effects that that has had on modern day Britain. We will learn all about the impact that the Romans have had on today's society.

Key vocabulary for this term; invaders, empire, pantheon, colosseum, hypocaust, senate, emperor.

Geography: In Geography this term, we will be learning all about earthquakes and volcanoes. Where they are, their properties and what causes them to erupt or occur. We will be learning about the layers of the Earth and how these layers cause earthquakes, as well as how natural disasters have affected the planet.

Key vocabulary for this term; earthquake, volcano, tectonic plates, eruption.

Art: Our focus artist this term is broken into two sections; collage and textiles. We will investigate the artist Antonia Gaudi and we will learn how to create a collage and will design and create a final piece. We will also be learning about Vivienne Westwood and how to use a variety of different sewing techniques.

French: In our French lessons, we will be learning a variety of new words and phrases related to; festivals, food, clothing and colours. We will be using these words and phrases in conversational language with our peers.

P.E.: Year 4 children will have PE sessions on a Tuesday afternoon and a Friday afternoon. They will be going swimming on a Tuesday— starting with the Jays, and will need to remember their kit weekly. PE in school will be a Friday afternoon and full, correct kit will be required every week. Long hair should be tied back and all jewellery, including earrings, must be removed for PE lessons. We will be doing gymnastics and creative movement— dance— in our weekly PE sessions in school.

Music: In our music lessons, the children will learn to sing in a round, using more complex music materials and then also add instrumentals to music pieces they are studying.

RE: In RE, our focus is “where did we begin?” and we will be learning all about a range of creation stories, from a variety of religions, including extinct religions, and cultures. We will also be carrying out some comparative studies on these creation stories.

PSHE: We will be learning about how to manage our feelings and how we grow and change in PSHE this term. We will also be learning about **British Values** and **Right and Responsibilities** through our lessons and class assemblies.

Computing: This term, children will begin writing for different audiences, learning how to present work in a variety of ways using technology. They will also be creating a logo using programming and an animation flick book.

Homework

Please ensure your child reads everyday and sign their diaries. We are aiming for all children to earn their reading badges! Continue to work on the times tables with your child— they will be given a variety of times tables activities regularly to do at home. This is so that they know them at speed, along with the corresponding division facts. Please also continue to regularly access times table rock stars at home. Occasionally, your child may be sent home with English, Maths or Topic based homework, which will help to support them in their learning.

Learning Journal.



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 writing. Poetry often comes up in year 6 SATs, so it is imperative that they are familiar with a range of different types of poetry, techniques and structures.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Baldwin and Mr Hart

