



Autumn 2 2017

Below is a brief outline of what your child will be learning in Year 4, across all the subjects this half term. We hope you will take the opportunity to read and discuss it with your child in order to support their learning at home.

Subject	
Literacy	<p>This half term we will be using the story of Tuesday to help us to write eye witness accounts, newspaper reports and narratives. The writing focus this term is descriptive language, speech punctuation and spelling homophone words.</p> <p>We will then be using a film clip Fox and Mouse to write character descriptions, interviews and narratives.</p> <p>We will be focusing on using the correct spelling of homophones in our writing and looking at correctly spelling some of our Year 4 words.</p>
Numeracy	<p>We will be focusing on using our knowledge of place value to help us to add and subtract 4 digit numbers. We will be recapping using the column method and practising mentally solving a calculation.</p> <p>We will be recapping using the inverse operation to check and answer and apply this when we are working with 4 digit numbers.</p> <p>We will be practising the skills of adding and subtraction and applying our knowledge through solving word problems, solving real life problems and giving explanations for patterns we have found.</p>
Science	<p>In science we will be exploring electricity. We will be building on our knowledge of different circuits and investigate different materials to conduct or insulate the electricity.</p>
Topic – History/geography	<p>Romans Legacy in Europe –First we will investigate the geography of Europe. Then learn about the invasion of Britain; interpreting historical evidence, cause and effect and the Roman legacy. Finally, we will relate this back to the Roman Empire across Europe.</p>
ICT	<p>We will continue with keeping ourselves safe when using the internet.</p>
RE	<p>We will be studying the concept of Holy with regard to Mary, the mother of Jesus</p>
French	<p>We will revise the numbers 0-20 using them in calculations and to express our age. We will use the traditional story 'The Enormous Turnip' as a drama activity and join in orally with repetitive phrases. We will introduce French verbs and discuss how we could use these to describe our playground games. Finally we will discuss how Christmas is celebrated in France</p>
PE	<p>Outdoor PE – <u>Games</u></p> <p>Key skills focus– passing, catching, throwing-linking into Netball but using all types of balls and catching. Next half term these skills will be linked to netball.</p> <p>Tennis/racket skills– continuation of Wall games</p> <p>Create own racket games as well.</p>
Music	<p>Our music unit this half term is called "The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra". We will be learning about the instruments of the orchestra, including what they sound like and how they are organised into families. We will be exploring instruments and creating our own "Theme and Variations". We will also be learning some songs in preparation for our whole school Christmas performances in the last week of term.</p>
Art / DT	<p>Children will continue to design and create mosaics using different media.</p>
French	<p>We will be learning the numbers to 20 and then verbs for activities the children might take part in.</p>

PE/Games Days:

4C – Mon and Wed - outdoor

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