



Autumn 2 2020

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	
English	<p>We are using the texts 'How To Train Your Dragons' and 'Farther' for both reading and writing this half term. For reading, we will continue to develop our skills of inference and understanding the meaning of new words in context.</p> <p>In writing, we will be applying the skills we have learned so far (fronted adverbials, description, speech, paragraphs and conjunctions) to write engaging stories based on the books. We will also produce a non-chronological report on dragons.</p> <p>We will be developing our spelling skills by learning rules for adding suffixes to familiar words.</p>
Maths	<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 continue to practise our times tables up to 12 x 12.</p> <p>We will be using this knowledge to multiply two digit and three digit numbers by a one digit number using the formal method and subsequently solve word problems, real life problems and provide reasons for a pattern or answer.</p>
Science	<p>In science we will be exploring electricity. We will be building on our knowledge of different circuits and investigating which materials conduct electricity. We will make simple switches and use them to control electricity flow. We will also be looking at the work of Thomas Edison.</p>
Topic – Geography	<p>Our topic the half term is Europe. We will begin by locating different countries in Europe and then study 2 specific contrasting regions: Tromsø and Venice. We will compare these locations and research and present information about them.</p>
Computing	<p>Linked to our Geography learning, we will be creating a PowerPoint about a European country.</p>
RE	<p>Our concept is 'Holy' in which we will explore the meaning of holy and apply the concept in different contexts.</p>
French	<p>We will revise the numbers 0-20 and play games to practise them. We will also learn the vocabulary for sports and hobbies.</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.</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>
DT	<p>Linked to our work in science, we will be using our understanding of circuits to design and make a night-light with a winter theme.</p>

PE/Games Days:

4LH and 4M – Tues and Wed – both outdoor