

Year 4 Spring Term



English

In our English lessons, we will be focusing on:

- Planning and writing a range of different genres and writing our own newspaper reports based on the story of Beowulf.
- Studying Julius Caesar during Shakespeare week.
- Focus on descriptive writing and fronted adverbials.
- Studying The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe and writing formal persuasive letters.
- Rewriting our own versions of the Roald Dahl Revolting Rhymes Three Little Pigs.

Year 4 are reading...



Children will read 1:1 and in small groups in our Reading Practice sessions. We will be reading a wide variety of texts and developing our fluency, pace and stamina. In Reading Practice we will develop our retrieval and inference skills. Our author focus this term is Jenny McLachlan. All children should read at least 3x per week at home and log on to Reading Plus at home regularly.

Maths

Our maths units this term will focus on developing children's fluency in times tables and:

- Multiplication and division strategies
- Length and perimeter
- Ordering fractions
- Equivalent fractions
- Ordering fractions
- Tenths and hundredths
- Division including decimals

Art

In Art lessons we will:

- Create a willow pattern picture using ink.
- Use a variety of tools to carve a sculpture.
- Create a painting in the style of Paul Cézanne.

Science

As scientists, we will:

- Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating.
- Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.
- Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.
- Group living things according to their characteristics.
- Identify vertebrates and invertebrates.
- Classify living things.
- Explore living things and their habitats.



Homework

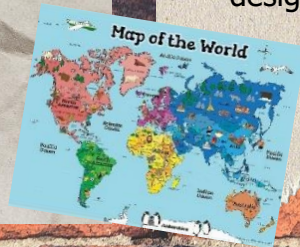
- Homework will be set every Tuesday and must be completed and handed in by the following Monday
- Please listen to your child read 3x per week and return their reading books and reading record on a Wednesday to be changed.



Geography

In geography we will:

- Compare the names of our counties from past to present.
- Use an OS map and 4 figure grid referencing.
- Carry out fieldwork to identify how land use has changed in our local area.
- Be using Digimaps to compare change over time.
- Use 8-point compass directions.
- Draw and use maps and plans.



DT

In design technology we will:

- Identify and evaluate different types of fastenings.
- Design a product to meet a design criterion.
- Make and test a paper template.
- Assemble a book sleeve using fabric and stitching.
- Evaluate how well our product meets the design criteria.

Music

In music we will be looking at the history of rock and roll music, using bass and a walking bass line that moves step by step in pitches that are next to each other. The children will be developing their skills of playing and singing at the speed of the music. They will listen to, sing and play along to a variety of rock and roll music.



PSHE & RE

In RE we will be learning about Christianity, Judaism, Sikhism, Islam and Humanism and studying the themes of being modest, listening to others, identity, inclusion and belonging.

In PSHE we are learning about Keeping Safe and Rights and Respect.

Computing

In Computing lessons, we will:

- Learn the structure of the coding language of Logo.
- Input simple instructions in Logo
- Use 2Logo to create letter shapes.
- Use the repeat function in Logo to create shapes.
- Use and build procedures in Logo.
- Format cells as currency, percentage, decimal to different decimal places or fraction.
- Use the formula wizard to calculate averages.
- Combine tools to make spreadsheet activities such as timed times tables tests.
- Use a spreadsheet to model a real-life situation.

PE

This term in PE, the children will continue to attend swimming at Whitehouse Common Primary.

In addition to their swimming kit, children will need a named PE kit (blue shorts, white t-shirt and pumps) in school every day. These will be kept in school and handed back to you each half term to be washed.

Please ensure pumps, in particular, are the correct size for your child to ensure safety and comfort.

Swimming days are:
Wednesday 4B
Thursday 4C