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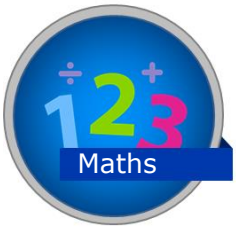
Year 4 Curriculum News

AUTUMN TERM 2025-26



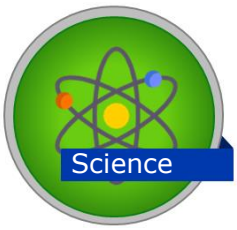
English

This term we will be looking at two very exciting new class books. The first will be 'The Whale' written by Vita Murrow. During this unit, the children will be working towards writing two exciting inspired writes. The first, a setting narrative and the second a newspaper report. We will be focusing on using verb inflections, expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, punctuating direct speech and using paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme. The second text is called 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann. During this unit, we will write an outsider narrative followed by an information leaflet on polar bears. Throughout this unit we will build on the skills we have learnt so far and then introduce the differences between plural and possessive apostrophes. Both texts are beautifully illustrated which we believe will strongly help children with their creativity and story-telling ability. Alongside writing lessons, the children will have daily whole class reading sessions where they will be immersed in a selection of high-quality texts with the aim of supporting their reading comprehension skills. We will be following the VIPERS scheme, focusing on a range of skills each week.



Maths

In the first half of the term there will be a focus on mental calculation and ensuring the children have a strong understanding of place value. A secure knowledge of multiplication tables (up to 12 x 12) is essential and any additional help you can give your child towards this would be appreciated. We will continue to use the Power Maths scheme in maths classes to engage the children. Later in the term, we will look at addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will then move on to learn about calculating the perimeter of shapes. Throughout the term, we will be aiming to apply our maths to real-world contexts.



Science

Our first topic in Science will be Sound and we will discover how we hear and create different sounds. Later in the term, we will explore States of Matter. As part of this learning, we will be studying how water can exist in different states and change between these. By planning and carrying out experiments, we will be aiming to identify the key temperatures at which changes in state occur and why they happen. Over the course of the year, the class will be considering how to create fair tests, looking at taking multiple results and why these are important in collecting scientific data.



Topic

During the first half of the Autumn term, our learning will focus on exploring the counties and cities of The United Kingdom. Pupils will develop their geographical skills by identifying and locating these places on a map building an understanding of the UK's regions and their unique characteristics. In the second half of the Autumn term, we will focus on local history based on listed buildings, in and around High Wycombe. We will consider why these sites are preserved ,what they reveal about the town's past, and how they contribute to the community's identity today.



Additional Information

Times Tables will be practised throughout the week using both paper and electronic versions of Times Tables Rock Stars. Daily practice at home to support this is essential. It would be helpful if you could please send a named water bottle with your child each day. PE will be on Mondays and Fridays. We are very much looking forward to an exciting year of learning and we hope the children will all have a happy time in Year 4!

Mrs Iyer