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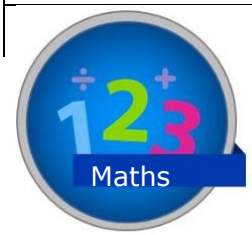
Year 4 Curriculum News

SUMMER TERM 2026



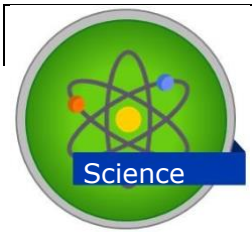
English

This term we will start by reading the book 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. This is a very thought-provoking book following the journey of a refugee family searching for a new home. The first piece of writing will be a Refugee Narrative and the second a diary entry. We will be focusing on using fronted adverbials, inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech, apostrophes for possession and paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme. The second text is called 'Manfish' by Jennifer Berne. During this unit, we will be writing an invention narrative followed by a biography on Jacques Cousteau. We will build on the skills we have learnt so far as well as focusing on verb inflections and determiners. Both texts are beautifully illustrated which we believe will strongly help children with their creativity and storytelling ability. Alongside writing lessons, the children will have daily whole class reading sessions where they will read a range of novels, poetry and non-fiction. We will be following the VIPERS scheme, focusing on different skills throughout each week.



Maths

In Maths lessons, we are moving onto decimal numbers. We will then move onto covering units on money, time and statistics. Our statistics unit looks at charts, tables and line graphs and the understanding and analysis of them. We then move on to geometry where we look at angles and 2D shapes before looking at the position and movement of shapes on a grid. Lots of this learning covers aspects taught earlier in the year, especially with elements of problem solving.
Times tables will continue to be a focus. Please continue to practise these daily with your children. The aim is that they are fluent up to 12 x 12 by the time they reach Year 5.



Science

Our focus this term will be the human digestive system and teeth. We will begin by identifying organs in the digestive system and understanding their functions. From there, we will begin to identify the types of human teeth and their functions and investigate the effects of different liquids on our teeth! Moving into the second half term, we will be exploring the conservation of animals and their habitats, focussing on the impact of humans and pollution on the environment.



Topic

In Geography we will focus on European countries including Russia. We will be learning to locate these countries on the map with the aid of an atlas and understanding their physical and human features. We will also be comparing different regions of Europe and understand their similarities and differences. In history, the children will explore how and why Crime and Punishment has changed over time. They will utilise a variety of sources of evidence to develop their knowledge and understanding of the different time periods. Within this, they will look at some small case studies in more depth to understand triggers for change, including the founding of the first police force, transportation of prisoners and the activism of the suffragettes.



Additional Information

PE will be on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.
We will be heading out on an exciting School Trip to Whipsnade Zoo.

During the warmer weather children will definitely need a water bottle for the classroom and may need suitable headwear for those very sunny days!