

Autumn Term in Year 4



English

In the first half term, lessons will be based upon the text 'Leaf' where the children will be working towards writing their own outsider narratives and then information reports about polar bears. After half term, the book 'The Whale' will be the lesson stimulus and children will work towards writing a setting narrative and newspaper recount.

We are reading...



French

Children will continue to study French in school this year and will develop their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. They will become confident in talking about their name, age and where they live though the unit: Presenting Myself Je me présente.

Maths

In maths, children will begin by looking at the number system, first working with number and place value before then developing their skills with addition and subtraction. After that they will learn how to calculate perimeter. After half term, they will look again at the number system by looking at multiplication and division, including solving problems.

Science

Animals including Humans will be our first science topic. During this half term the children will learn about the human digestive system and the importance our teeth play in the role of digestion. When studying Living Things and Their Habitats (our second topic), children will learn how to classify animals and plants according to a range of different criteria. Children will be given ample opportunities to develop their skills in scientific enquiry.

Art / DT

The children will begin by studying the works of Op artist Bridget Riley and will produce a piece of work focusing on optical illusions. They will develop skills in drawing, sketching, shading, tone and line drawing. After half-term, the children will design and make a greetings card with moving parts. They will investigate a range of levers and select the most appropriate for their design.

Geography / History

Children will explore the Ancient Civilisations this term: they will find out about what life was like in different periods and the hierarchical way in which societies were organised. They will examine a range of sources.

After half term, children will study the geography unit: Keeping Us Going. The children will learn about the global supply chain, and how this affects our day to day lives

RE

The children will begin by learning about Buddhism and the teachings of Buddha. They will focus on Buddha's teachings and how actions can affect others. After half term they will focus on Christianity and explore different accounts of the Christmas story. They will look symbols that represent Christmas, linking this to the Nativity story.

Music

After half term, the children will develop their singing and performance skills and work towards performing confidently to a live audience as part of our Christmas celebrations.

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be looking at ways to deal with loss and grief and recognising feelings associated with sadness and loss. They will learn who they can ask for support with difficult feelings.

Computing

Children's lessons will take place using iPads and computers. They will begin by working in small groups to create a video using a green screen for effect. In the 2nd half term they will be using branching databases to sort information and will link this to their science work.

PE

This term, Year 4 will be practising their skills in invasion games, focusing on dodgeball, football and netball. They will focus on a range of passing techniques, teamwork and communication skills. Children will also take part in a dance unit where they will work together to create a range of sequences and routines.