Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4

Autumn Term 1

In Year 4 we have been settling into our new classes and classrooms.

4MH have also started swimming lessons, which all classes will have throughout Year 4.

English

In our writing lessons we have been working very hard on our handwriting to ensure we fully embed the correct letter formation and are able to join our our handwriting correctly which is a requirement for all pupils to achieve by the end of KS2. In addition, we have started our class reading text ‘Varjak Paw’.

How can I help at home?

Reading at home with your child will help with vocabulary and comprehension. Pupils should be regularly practising their spellings ahead of the test on Fridays. Displaying a selection of spellings at home where they will see them multiple times a day (on their bedroom door for example) can help them to learn the words by sight.

Personal Development

Our PD topic is ‘Being Me in the World’. We will be learning about what a good team member and citizen looks like. This topic focuses on behaviour, rights and responsibilities.

Maths

We have begun the year revising and developing our knowledge of Place Value. This unit of work explores numbers up to 10,000 on a number line, rounding, comparing and ordering numbers, partitioning numbers and reading Roman numerals. In the Mastering Number part of our lesson we are starting to develop our understanding of the relationships between times table calculations and linking our understanding through doubles and the use of gestures.

In our fluency lessons we will be focusing on consolidating our arithmetic skills initially focusing on the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We are also revisiting key number skills, including doubles and number bonds within 10 within these lessons.

For more details, take a look at the White Rose Maths website.

How can I help at home?

Encourage your child to be practising TTRockstars for 25 minutes each week.

Science

Our science topic for this half term is ‘States of Matter’. We will be learning about solids, liquids and gases. We have started by investigating how solids can turn into liquids and by looking at evaporation and condensation. We will be progressing to look at the water cycle to apply what we have learnt so far.

Geography

We have started our Geography lessons this year learning about South America. We will be using atlases to identify countries, capital and major cities. We will focus a majority of our learning on Argentina looking at physical landmarks and making a comparison between a town in Argentina and Bedford.

Religious Studies

Our RE unit at the start of this year is Sikhism. We will be learning about symbols and their meanings and traditional Sikh stories.

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This half term we will learn the seasons, the month, the days of the week and the numbers 20-31 in French. This will lead on to pupils being able to say the date in French and when their birthday is. Pupils will continue to learn and practise key French phonemes in order to improve their pronunciation. Pupils will sing songs and play games in French.
French is taught by Madame Williams.

Art

In Art this half term, we are looking at the painting unit ‘Light and Dark’ and learning about the artist Frank Stella. Throughout this unit of work, we will describe the differences between a tint and a shade. We then will mix tints and shades by adding black or white paint. This will lead us to create a final painting showcasing an understanding of how colour can be used to show light and dark

Computing

Our computing focus for the start of the year is e-safety. We will learn how to use technology safely and responsibly, recognise unacceptable online behaviour and identify ways to report concerns.

Music

This half term, Year 4 will be using percussion instruments to continue to explore beat, rhythm and pulse. They will be introduced to more complex rhythmic notation such as triplets and use these as part of self-composed performances.

Physical Education

This half term, pupils will be developing their skills in gymnastics and football. In gymnastics, we have been focusing on different balances before moving on to transitioning. In football, we have been focusing on passing the ball correctly and then progressing on to dribbling, attacking and defending.
4MH have started their swimming lessons and are enjoying the opportunity to develop their skills.