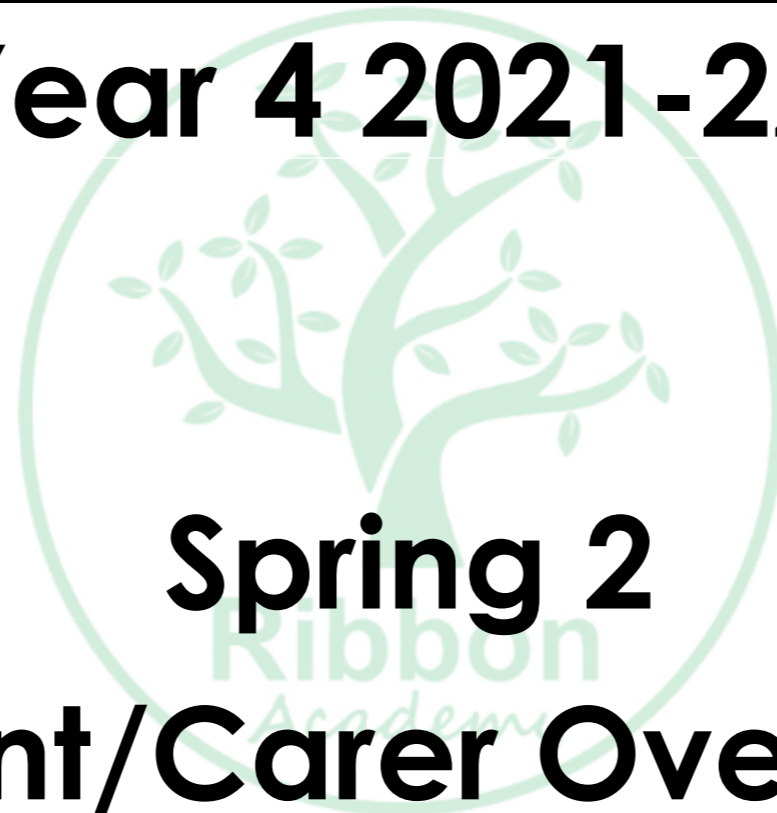


Year 4 2021-22

Spring 2

Parent/Carer Overview



The Core

Reading

The Firework Maker's Daughter - Phillip Pullman

During reading sessions, your child will be enjoying the story of The Firework Maker's Daughter. Based on this text, they will revise and strengthen their knowledge of VIPERS.

Every morning, your child will practice our reading skills in Book Club. Your child will bring home their phonic reading book along with an Accelerated Reader book every day. These books will be used to develop comprehension skills in reading lessons.

Writing

The Firework Maker's Daughter - Phillip Pullman

Setting description – Your child will write a setting description based on a scene in our novel. They will learn a range of skills needed to complete a setting description before independently applying the skills of their writing.

Persuasive advert - Your child will write a persuasive advert linked to a character in our novel. They will learn a range of skills needed to complete a persuasive advert before independently applying the skills of their writing.

Maths

Fractions

This half term your child will be able to recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete object. We will compare and order fractions whilst solving word problems. Your child will extend their knowledge to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

We will continue to work heavily on our timetables facts to be able to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

Science

Electricity

During this half term, your child will carry out a range of experiments to support their learning of electricity. The children will identify appliances which run on electricity, explain how to stay safe around electricity and construct and draw simple circuits.

Also, your child will identify and explain conductors and insulators, as well as explaining how to change the brightness of a bulb.

Art & Design

Art & Design was taught in spring 1.

Design & Technology

Mechanical systems

Within your child's design technology lessons we will be looking at levers and linkages. Through their own research your child will be able to draw out realistic design ideas before putting them onto a computer aided design programmer.

Once designed, with their knowledge of the order of each step needed to be taken your child will make the product independently. They will then evaluate their products, looking closely at how they would improve it.

Music

Boomwhackers and Glockenspiels

Whilst working with Mrs Heurtier your child will develop their knowledge of music through working with Boomwhackers and Glockenspiels. Using their knowledge from last half term, your child will continue to write their own compositions and have chance to be in charge of a group with performing.

Additionally, your child will continue to have weekly clarinet lessons with Miss Longmuir from Durham Music Service where they will use the notes they have learnt when performing different pieces of music.

Geography

The UK

Your child will learn about the needs and requirements early settlers had when choosing a place to build a home. They will look at place names around the UK to see how the Anglo-Saxons, Romans and Vikings all left their mark and how these places have changed over time. Through the use of digital and paper maps, your child will investigate land use in different sized settlements and the ways in which settlements are linked together - focusing on counties of North East England, County Durham, Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and Cleveland.

RE

The Bible

This half term, your child will continue to learn about Christianity, exploring why Lent is such an important period for Christians.

Your child will learn that lent is a period of preparation for Christians. They will develop an understanding of the temptations that Christians can face today and how they manage them during lent, relating temptations now to those that Jesus faced.

History

History was taught in spring 1.

PE

Swimming and Dance

This term class 13 will be going to Hetton swimming baths to have a weekly, instructor led swimming lesson. Class 14 will be extending their attacking and defending skills whilst playing hockey.

When learning with Mr Curtis your child will be partaking in games using a net. By the end of spring 2 your child will have skills in tennis and badminton.

Computing

This half term, your child will look at how to select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals. This includes, collecting, analysing, evaluating, and presenting data and information.

Your child will also use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content.

MFL

Essential vocabulary

This half term, your child will pick out familiar words and phrases from spoken sentences, as well as identify the gender of anow from its article in spoken French.

Also, your child will recognise familiar words and phrases in a spoken story or poem and begin to recognise the structure of some French sentences and how they are different from English.

PSHE

Healthy Me

This half term, your child will recognise how different friendship groups are formed and understand that there are people who take on roles as leaders or followers in a group, as well as recognising which one they fit into.

Also, your child will learn how to explain how to say no to someone if they tried to make them do something wrong and recognise when people are putting on pressure.

The Creatives

The Humanities

The Wider Curriculum