Year 4 2026-27

Term 2 Parent/Carer Overview

The Core

Reading

The Christmasaurus and The Winter Witch

During reading sessions, your child will be enjoying the story of The Christmasaurus and The Winter Witch by Tom Fletcher. This amazing book follows on from reading the prequel in year 3 where the children were engrossed from start to finish. Based on this text, they will revise and strengthen their knowledge of key reading comprehension skills.

Every morning, your child will practice our reading skills in Book Club. These books will be used to develop comprehension skills in reading lessons.

Your child will also be encouraged to choose books to read for pleasure.

Writing

'The Christmasaurus and The Winter Witch'

and 'The Spider and the Fly' by Mary Howitt

Character Study - Your child will compose a character study having explored the character of 'The Winter Witch'. They will learn the skills of paragraphing, precise nouns, and expanded noun phrases before independently applying the skills to their writing.

Your child will refine sentence structure and vocabulary choices through oral rehearsal using the classic poem, The Spider and the Fly.

Maths

Addition and Subtraction

In maths, your child will continue to broaden their knowledge of addition and subtraction. They will use mental strategies to complete addition and subtraction questions. We will continue to extend their conceptual knowledge using concrete equipment to support their learning whilst gaining the skillset to formally add and subtract numbers up to four digits. When completing word problems, your child will be able to evaluate which method is the most suitable to use.

Science

Living Things and their Habitats

During this half term, your child will carry out a range of experiments to support their learning of Living Things and their Habitats. Your child will name the main animal and plant groups, describe their features, and use a key to classify. Your child will also enjoy a trip to Hardwick Park to support their topic, focusing on the different plants grown there.

The Creatives

Art & Design

Art & Design was taught in Term 1

Design & Technology

Mechanical systems: Can I make a moving story?

Within your child's design & technology lessons, they will be looking at levers and linkages. Through their own research your child will be able to draw out realistic design ideas.

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

Recorders

Your child will develop musical skills, understanding and knowledge through continuing to play the recorder. They should begin to feel more confident when playing all of the notes on a recorder and they will be able to play as part of an ensemble confidently and with expression.

The Humanities

Geography

Geography was taught in Term 1

RE

Christianity

Your child will explore Christian's belief that Jesus is the light of the world, son of God and saviour.

In December, your child will learn about the Advent Wreath and the significance, use and meaning that it has for Christians. They will have the opportunity to reflect on their own and others' experiences and ideas and consider whether the Christmas story has anything to say to people today.

History

Roman Britain

Your child will study the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain. They will investigate the significance of Hadrian's Wall as a legacy left by the Romans using a variety of sources of evidence.

They will also compare the creations of the Romans and draw conclusions about the significance of these.

The Wider Curriculum

PE

Indoor Athletics

Whilst working with Mr Lowerson, your child will be working on a variety of skills required for athletics. This will consist of developing a routine when tackling the long jump, practicing their technique when throwing the javelin and working in teams to complete sprinting relay races.

Gymnastics

This half term, your child will focus on developing balances working with a partner, holding other's weight and creating a routine by sequencing together gymnastic moves.

Computing

Programming

Working with Mrs Ramirez, your child will use Scratch to learn how to use sequence, selection, and repetition. Your child will also use logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs.

MFL

Essential Vocabulary

This half term, your child will continue to secure vocabulary linked to greetings, feelings, colours and numbers . They will further develop their conversational skills (including both speaking and listening) alongside practising both reading and writing simple phrases in French.

PSHE

Celebrating Difference

This half term, your child will discuss first impressions and how they can change. They will learn to understand that sometimes assumptions are made based on what people look like and they will recognise how this can have a negative impact.

Your child will also identify reasons why they are special and unique and share these with their peers.