



Guided Reading:

We will be concentrating on the skills of retrieval and inference through different texts, including: Paddington and The Wind and the Willows. We will also be focusing on vocabulary too.

Handwriting: Children will be expected to write with taught cursive handwriting.

Writing: In all forms of writing, the children will be encouraged to consider content, spelling, layout, presentation and handwriting carefully. Children will be consolidating and extending their spelling and grammar knowledge and writing a range of texts including non-chronological reports and a narrative. Key texts used are Malala's Magic Pencil and The Girl who stole an Elephant.

Maths

During this term, Year 4 will be covering a range of topics, but as always, a regular revision of +, -, x, ÷, at home and at school, will benefit your child's mathematical ability. Thank you for your support at home and we are working hard in school to practise our times tables for the upcoming government assessment in June.

To improve your child's confidence, they will benefit from home practise of:

- calculations of fractions
- the use of money
- telling the time
- times table practice

Science

In summer 1, the children will be learning about living things and classifications of living things.

In summer 2, they will be using their knowledge of all previous units to answer a science enquiry question.

Spanish

We will be learning how to describe different items within the classroom and what is in our pencil case.

Geography

Our Geography topic this term is looking at volcanoes and understand how and why people live near them.

History

After half term, we will be studying Anglo Saxons and the Scots in History to understand why they settled in Britain.

PSHE +C

Our PSHE lessons will be focusing on positive relationships between family and friends. Children will be building on their social skills of looking out for each other, practising kindness, turn taking and respectful listening and how to consider one another's feelings and the impact of their words and actions.

Religious Education.

Our Religious Education learning will be comparing sources of wisdom between religions. We will gather an understanding of the similarities and differences between Sikhism, Hinduism, and Christianity, among others.

Art

In Art, inspired by the rainforests, we will be creating patterns with fabric and textiles. This could be based on plants or animal patterns and promises to be an exciting and creative project!

Design and Technology (DT)

During summer term 2, we will be looking to create torches with different equipment; proving and explaining how they work.

Music

This term, the children will be going listening, appraising and playing the recorders.

PE

We will be covering the following units in PE:

- Athletics
- Quidditch
- Rounders
- Cricket

Home Learning

Year 4 homework will be based on spelling patterns, reading (a minimum of 10 mins reading per day) and times table practice in addition to our usual weekly homework set in the maths homework book.

Reminders

PE lessons are on **Tuesdays only every week**. Please ensure the correct PE uniform is worn to school on this day. Please advise your teacher if your child cannot participate in PE for any reason. We encourage independence, such as learning to tie shoelaces. This half term, we are learning Athletics and cricket.

Reading books and reading records must be brought in **every day**.

All their belongings, including items of clothing, are the children's responsibility, and should be **clearly named**.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

Communication with teacher

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the class email: sycamore@brooklandjm.herts.sch.uk hawthorn@brooklandjm.herts.sch.uk