



English

Reading: Guided Reading will be done in class four times a week where children are taught how to read with understanding and answer questions related to a text. Please see **Homework** for the expectations for reading at home.



Handwriting: Children are encouraged to write in joined handwriting, this will be practised at least two times a week.

Writing: This term for English we have started with a beautiful book called 'Biscuit Bear' by Mini Grey. We will be looking at how to use grammar to appeal to our audience when the children write their own narrative. We are also going to be studying poetry and we look forward to discovering some budding poets!



Maths

During this term, Year 4 will be covering a range of topics, in particular place value and area. As always, a regular revision of +, -, x, ÷ at home and at school will greatly benefit your child's mathematical ability.



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

- Telling the time
- Knowing their times tables up to 12 x 12. (This is vital to help them in the times table test that will take place in year 4)
- Basic mental and arithmetic calculation practise.

Science

ELECTRICITY is our theme this term in Science. We will be studying the appliances that run on electricity and will be constructing simple series circuits. We also will be identifying and naming basic parts including cells, wires, bulbs, switches, and buzzers. Year 4 will also study common conductors and insulators and will associate metals as being good conductors.



Topic

Our first topic this term in **Geography** will be on the rainforest. The children will be locating the world's rainforests on a map and know their position in relation to the Equator and the tropics of cancer and Capricorn.

Autumn Term 2 we will be doing **History**, and our topic is 'The Ancient Greeks'. This will include learning about Greek Gods and Goddesses/the Trojan war and where to locate Greece on the map of Europe.



Religious Education

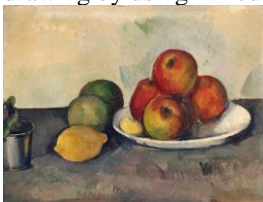
In Year 4 we begin by studying Sikhism and Christianity. In our RE lessons we will be learning about Sikhism before half term, and after half term we will study a unit on Christianity.

PSHE+C (Personal Safety, Health Education and Citizenship)

Our PSHE and Citizenship lessons will be focused on children's wellbeing, kindness and respect. This term will also include a Black History focus.

Art

During our art lessons this half term, we will be studying Paul Cezanne and learning how to recreate his style of drawing by using mixed media.



Design & Technology

In our DT lessons after half term, we will be looking at links and leverage, the children will be making a moving poster.

Spanish

This term we will be learning Spanish words for numbers, colours, days of the week, months of the year and basic greetings.



Homework

Year 4 homework will be based on **reading**, a minimum of 10 minutes per day, five days a week, and **times table practise** every day. Reading must be recorded in their Reading Journals and these should be brought to school every day. Children are encouraged to read out loud to a parent or carer at least once a week. Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due the following Thursday.



Novels

Every child needs to have a novel which they bring to school every day. This can be left at school or taken home each day. This will be used for independent reading time during the day. We have a good selection available in our classrooms. Please encourage them to take care of the books and return them if they bring them home.



General

Please allow your child to be organised and independent, for example, allow them to take responsibility for packing their bags the previous night and make sure that they can tie their own shoe laces.

Reminder

PE lessons are on **Monday and Wednesday (week A) and (week B)**. Please ensure that correct PE uniforms are worn to school on these days. PE uniform requirements can be found on the school website.

All belongings, including items of clothing, are the children's responsibility, please make sure that all items are clearly marked with your child's name.

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please contact your child's Class Teacher on the class e-mail.

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