



Curriculum Newsletter











Year 4 Autumn 2024

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This is a summary of the learning programme for your child this term:

	English	In English lessons, we will be exploring a range of texts linked to our 'We Came, We Saw, We Conquered' topic. These texts will be used to model writing and extend skills in grammar, vocabulary and spelling. In Year 4, we will continue to develop your child's fluency in reading and their comprehension skills. Children will take part in weekly guided reading sessions, focussing on the key skills they need to progress.
	Maths	During the first term, we will be strengthening the children's understanding of place value and investigating Roman Numerals. We will be teaching mental and written methods for the four number operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The learning will be supported with lots of practical equipment and opportunities to apply their skills to solve problems. We will also be learning about area. Please encourage your child to practise his/her times tables at home using the TT Rock Stars website in preparation for the Multiplication Check at the end of the year.
	Topic	Our topic is <i>We Came, We Saw, We Conquered!</i> Children will learn how the Romans lived and the effect the Roman invasion of Britain had on the British Isles. Later they will also explore active volcanoes and learn about ancient historical events (such as Pompeii). The children will develop map reading skills in Geography; in Art the children will improve their technical skills by making collages and mosaics.
	Science	Our science topic this term is States of Matter, where children will explore the relationship between solids, liquids and gases. Children will group materials together according to their properties and observe how materials change in state.
	Religious Education	In RE, children will take a closer look at why fasting is so important within different religions. They will also learn about the Sikh festival of Diwali.
	Music	This year, children will have the exciting opportunity to learn to play the violin during whole class instrumental lessons. These will take place every Wednesday with a musical expert from Dudley Performing Arts. Every Wednesday, the children will need to bring their violin back into school ready for their lesson.
	PSHRE	This term children will be discussing issues connected to relationships and explore different ways to cope with negative emotions. We will look at events in the news and promote British Values. We will also take part in themed weeks such as 'Walk to school week' and 'Anti-Bullying week'.
	Computing	The children will continue to develop their understanding of online safety, and the impact of cyber-bullying. They will also learn how to deal with and report online issues. They will also work on word processing skills, by focusing on advanced features of Microsoft Word.
	PE	PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Thursdays. Monday's lesson will take place at Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre, where children will practise their swimming skills. On a Thursday, during the first half term, children will be learning hockey skills, developing an understanding of attacking and defending. During the second half term, the topic will be dance. Taking inspiration from Roman music, they will work in groups to choreograph, perform, evaluate and improve their performances.
	Modern Foreign Languages	The children will continue to study the French language. They will develop language skills and vocabulary based around the topics, 'Playtime' and 'My home'.

Additional information:

Homework will be set each Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday for Maths and English. Weekly spellings will be sent home on Mondays to enable children to practise for their spelling test the following Monday. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables on TTRockstars as often as possible. On Wednesdays, the children will need to remember to bring their violin into school so that they are able to take part in their Music lesson. Thank you all for your ongoing support!

Year 4 Team