



# Curriculum Newsletter











## Year 4 Autumn 2020

Miss Pole

Mrs Douch

Ms Wilkes

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

	<b>English</b>	We will explore a range of texts and genres to extend the children's skills in grammar, vocabulary and spelling. These may be linked to other areas of the curriculum. Children will be heard reading every week during Guided Reading. Please continue to hear your child read on a regular basis and enter comments in their diary. The children are encouraged to read and enter their own comments themselves. Children we identify as needing additional support will have extra group or 1:1 reading sessions.
	<b>Maths</b>	Children will be taught in ability groups and will follow the National Curriculum. We will develop mental/oral skills during each lesson. Every Friday, the children will be given Maths homework to complete by the following Wednesday. This will include computer based activities and hard copies. We will also learn multiplication tables and division facts.
	<b>Topic</b>	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.
	<b>Science</b>	This term's Science topics are Sound and Electricity. The children will learn what sound is, how it is made and how to build electrical circuits.
	<b>Religious Education</b>	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.
	<b>Music</b>	The children will be taught key skills on how to play their recorders. This lesson will take place every Wednesday taught by Ms Barnfather. All recorders will need to be kept in school unless children have purchased their own.
	<b>PSHE</b>	This term children will be discussing issues connected to relationships and explore different ways to cope with negative emotions. We will also at events in the news and promoting British Values as well as themed weeks such as 'Walk to school week' and 'Anti-Bullying week'.
	<b>Computing</b>	The children will continue to develop their word processing skills, by focusing on advanced features of Microsoft Word. They will also develop the skills needed to use multi media packages. J2e is the software to be used and children will be able to log in from home if they have access to the Internet. The E-safety focus will be based upon cyber bullying.
	<b>PE</b>	PE will take place every Tuesday and Wednesday. The children will be developing the skills needed to play invasion games. Swimming for pupils who will benefit from extra time will be on Tuesday afternoons at Dudley Leisure Centre. Please remove earrings. Any children with long hair will need to have it tied back on the above days.
	<b>Modern Foreign</b>	The children will continue to study the French language. In addition to this, they will learn about the country and culture of France.

**Additional information:**

Every Friday, the children will be given Maths and spelling homework to complete by the following Wednesday. On occasion this may also include words to learn from a spelling list for a short spelling quiz. In addition to this we will also send a list of Topic based homework where the children may choose what they would like to complete from the list provided. Any electronic homework can be sent to school at this email address: [info@cotwall.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@cotwall.dudley.sch.uk). Please state your child's name and English Set teacher. Thank you.