

YEARS 3 AND 4 AUTUMN TERM CYCLE 2 CURRICULUM STATEMENT



ENGLISH

We will be studying the National Curriculum in speaking and listening, reading and writing. The children have individual targets in order to progress. You will receive a written copy and review of these in your child's termly report. In Guided Reading we will be learning techniques for extracting information from a text and comparing different types of traditional tales.

Writing lessons will focus on developing a range of sentence types and descriptive devices, as well as continuing to increase recall and use of higher level vocabulary. The development of oracy and verbal reasoning will remain a focus across the curriculum. The children will be giving verbal reports, recalling their knowledge and skills, and discussing their opinions.

The children will continue to work on the development of fluent, cursive-style handwriting. Examples of a wide range of traditional tales can be found on the Internet as well as in the story books you have at home. The BBC Bitesize resources are an example of this.

MATHS

We will be studying the National Curriculum using the Maths No Problem programme. The children have individual targets in order to progress. You will receive a written copy and review of these in your child's termly report. The children will continue to develop their number, measurement and statistics skills through group work, discussion and practical tasks. This term our number work will focus on the number system and addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This work will form the basis of all further mathematics work and will be revised regularly.

Multiplication facts continue to be a priority in Year 3/4, these are practised in daily lessons. Further help and support can be found on the Internet in the form of games, songs and quizzes. TTRockstars is a useful online resource, as is the Topmarks website which includes a number of fun, interactive games. Alternatively, more traditional rote learning and chanting have proved to be very effective ways of learning these facts.

SCIENCE

We will be studying the National Curriculum. The main topic will be Forces and Magnets. The children will be learning about how different forces operate on objects and the effects different forces have. They will also be finding out what magnets are and their many uses in everyday life. The BBC Bitesize and BBC Teach websites have lots of interesting activities and interactive learning in these areas. Further discussion about magnets and where we find them in the home will help embed understanding and encourage recall of learning.

In Computing we will be studying animation which will be linked to our History topic. To practise these skills at home, you may find the Scratch programme useful. This is available on the Internet.

THE ARTS

In Art/DT we will be studying textiles. The children will be learning how to form a number of different stitch types as well as some decoration techniques.

These skills will be demonstrated and displayed through our Christmas Decoration project where the children will be producing the decorations for our main Christmas trees in the Hall. If you would like to help your child as they develop these skills, YouTube is a good source of online tutorials.

In Music we will be listening to and singing a range of pieces from classical, folk, ancient hymn and nursery rhyme traditions. The children will be learning about Italian terms for musical ideas and developing their music appreciation and performance skills. Both the BBC Bitesize and BBC Teach websites can offer extra support in this area. YouTube will help you practise the songs we have been learning at school and encourage you to listen to other similar pieces of music.

THE HUMANITIES

Our History topic this term is The Roman Empire in Britain. We will be learning about the Roman invasion of Britain and the rule of the Romans. We will be looking at Roman engineering and architecture as well as thinking about how the Roman occupation of Britain helped develop many areas of early civilisation. We will also learn about Boudicca's rebellion and the timeline of events which ended the Roman occupation. The BBC Bitesize website has a range of interesting activities that reinforce the learning done in school.

The Geography topic this term is Settlements. We will be developing an understanding of different settlements and linking this with our History work as well as more modern settlements.

PE

This term we will be developing our skills and tactics for attacking and defending. We will be applying these across a range of sports and games both indoors and outdoors. The BBC Teach website has a number of tutorials and resources in this area.

RE/ PHSE

In RE we will be exploring ideas about what it means to have a faith and continuing our learning about a broad range of religious people and leaders. The BBC Bitesize website is a good general resource that encourages thinking about all areas of our RE syllabus.

In PSHE we will continue to follow the Jigsaw programme as we think about 'Being Me' and how we celebrate differences between ourselves and others.

TERMLY COMPETITIONS

We will be working towards competing in our annual X Factor competition. Our competition in DT is based around designing and making Christmas decorations. Each week we find a mathematics competition winner and a times tables champion will be announced at the end of the term. Alongside these, our DoJo system is reward based and points can be awarded for excellence in any area of school life. This includes – but is not restricted to – academic studies, determination to succeed and making super progress.