

Year 4 Autumn Term Letter



These are the areas of the curriculum that we will be looking at this term.

Literacy

Autumn 1 – Mr Stink by David Walliams. We will be focusing on writing detailed descriptions of characters and settings and writing our own persuasive adverts. Also, we will be preparing and carrying out interviews with each other.

Autumn 2 – Tuesday by David Weisner. The text types that we will be writing are scripts for TV and non-chronological reports.

Numeracy

Place value - find 1000 more or less than a given number; count backwards through zero; recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens and ones); order and compare numbers beyond 1000; identify, represent and estimate numbers; round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000; solve number and practical problems. **Addition & subtraction** - add and subtract numbers using the formal written methods; estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation; solve addition and subtraction two step problems in contexts. **Multiplication and division** – multiply and divide using written methods; use fact to multiply and divide mentally; solve problems involving multiplying and dividing.

Science – Animals including Humans and Sound.

Topic – Romans. Roman invasion-map work; local area studies (Hadrian's Wall); life of a Roman soldier; Roman roads; Roman baths; Roman entertainment and the impact the Romans had on our lives today.

RE- What do Christians learn from the Creation story? What is the Trinity?

Art/DT- Roman mosaics and Roman shields

ICT- Scratch-questions and quizzes

PE- Health & Fitness, swimming and gymnastics

French- Mrs Bell-Time, dates and animals.

Music- We have a music specialist, Mrs Bland, coming into school. She will be doing body percussion.

PSHE- Personal hygiene, relationships, peer pressure, bullying and behaviour choices.

Spellings- Spelling lists will be handed out every other week and children will be tested on them following Friday. Once we have our new website, they will also be available on there.

Reading Challenge- Reading daily at home is also crucial to help children build on their reading skills. Children will be encouraged to read to parents/adults frequently. In Year 4, we have a reading challenge to encourage children to read to adults frequently. The children who have read the most at home every term will be rewarded.

PE kit- PE will be on Monday and Thursday. On Mondays, unless it is raining hard, we will be outside so please wear appropriate clothes as it may be cold.

Swimming- We are still not sure when or if we will be going swimming this year. We will give you an update when we know more.

Times Tables – The children will have a Times Tables assessment which has been introduced by the government for the end of year 4. Children are expected to know all of the times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of year. We will be doing lots of practise in school but extra at home would be great. In class, we have a Times Table Ladder Challenge which the children will start to move up when they know their times tables. Times Tables Rockstars is a great way for the children to get used to typing the answers. The Soundcheck feature on this website is similar to the test they will have in the summer term.

I am looking forward to the year ahead but please feel free to come and ask me any questions or discuss any concerns you may have.

Mrs McIntosh