



Year 4



September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn term of year 4! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer. Below is an outline of the Year 4 Autumn curriculum.

On Thursday 13th September we will be celebrating the books of Roald Dahl! Students will be invited to dress up for the day as their favourite Roald Dahl character. We look forward to seeing your inventive costumes.

Maths: This term, we are focusing on place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies and problem solving. We will also be learning to calculate time intervals and apply this knowledge to problem solving. Your child has been provided with access to a rich range of useful tutorials and activities which support their learning at home through:

www.mymaths.co.uk

www.educationcity.com

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

Please ask if you are unsure of log-in details.

English: We will start the term reading 'The Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson which both our fiction and non-fiction writing will be based on. We will be learning about the features of adventures stories and a recount letter. We will continue to develop our ability to use descriptive language and write sentences of greater length and complexity. We will look at the genre of letter writing and the features of a formal letter.



Science: This term we will be exploring sound and how sound is made and travels. In the second half term we will be studying humans and animals and the impact of humans on their environment. We encourage you to explore wildlife conservation online, a good starting place is:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/zgcmfrd>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/changing_states/read/1/

has some great online learning resources linked to this topic.



Computing: This term we will be calculating cost and profit and creating a simple game. We will be using Excel to create spreadsheets and using Scratch software to make a game.

Serenity Faith Forgiveness Respect Truth Love Tenacity

RE: This term, we will be learning about the story of creation and how it is applicable in both the Christian and Hindu faiths. We will also be considering what it is to be a Hindu and how family life is important in the Hindu faith.

PSHE: There will be some really engaging and exciting learning taking place during the Autumn term where we develop our growth mindsets and consider how to be positive learners and risk takers.



History and Geography: We are looking forward to studying Rivers and Coasts this term. We will be comparing various coastlines and identifying features. We will be looking in greater depth at the River Thames and how it has shaped our society.

Art and DT: In art, we will be looking at artists that have used coastlines as inspiration in their art. In D&T we will be designing and making our own pop-up books.



PE: This term, we will be problem solving and decision making as we go orienteering! We will recognise symbols on maps, use grid references and locate positions. In hockey lessons we will practise moving, attacking and passing at different lengths and speeds. In our

football sessions we will develop awareness when in possession of the ball, use the correct part of the foot when shooting and passing, learn to use communication effectively when defending and attacking and recognise and exploit space both with and without the ball.

French: We emerging ourselves in French culture this term. We will be learning the vocabulary for ordering food in a cafe and sampling all the delicacies of a French cafe. You may find the following website useful to explore early French with your child at home. www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2french.html



Music: We will be being creative this term and using our bodies to create interesting rhythms and unique sounds. We will be learning how to improvise when given a simple tune. We will also be learning to sing French folk songs.



Finally, we would like to welcome the children back again; we are looking forward to an exciting and busy Autumn term! We have been truly impressed with the enthusiasm, hard work and passion which they have put into all of their subjects last year and are really looking forward to continuing this into the Autumn term with them.

Yours sincerely,

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