Curriculum letter Year 4 Autumn — 2023



Maths

In maths this half term, we will be working on number and place value (numbers up to 10,000), and the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). The children will also complete a weekly arithmetic and times tables test. This year, the children will have their times tables skills formally tested in the summer term (during a 3 week period). The check is part of a focus on mastering numeracy, giving children the skills and knowledge they need for secondary school and beyond. Therefore, times tables will be a strong focus every term to ensure the children are prepared, confident, and have quick recall of their tables.

Enquiry

This term we will be learning all about animals and their habitats.

Our enquiry question is 'Undiscovered world: What are we missing?' The concepts we will be exploring are beauty, sustainability, duty and diversity.

This enquiry will involve the children starting the year with an exciting visit from "Spirit of the Wild." We will be exploring lots of weird and wonderful animals and plants from across the planet. To end this enquiry, we will be putting together a museum so the children can showcase to you everything they have learnt.



Each class has $2\ \mathrm{PE}$ sessions a week; one indoor and one outdoor.

- Indoor PE will be on a Tuesday
- Outdoor PE will be on a Thursday

Please come to school in PE kit and trainers. As and when the weather starts to deteriorate, please ensure coats and appropriate clothing is provided. Homework will be set on a Thursday and expected in the following Tuesday . We will have a poster in the windows where you pick your children up to remind the children what the homework is each week. We will also get the children to write the page numbers they need on the inside cover of

their homework books.

Each week there will be a SPaG task, a maths task, and a times table task. We



would also encourage your children to read regularly and log on to Ed Shed to practise their spellings. They will be tested on their spellings every Friday.

English/ Reading

In English, we are focusing on writing for a range of purposes – letter, a narrative and a non-chronological report.

There will be a focus on proof reading written work for errors and planning, editing and publishing sustained writing.

We will be working with many texts to support our English learning journey. This term we will be using Animals from Farthing Woods and Fantastic Beasts.





Music

Our music unit for this term (Amazing Bodies and Beats) will focus on the musical dimension of duration. We will explore music in different metres (2, 3 and 4) and practice playing along to a steady beat. Taking inspiration from the song, 'Top-Notcher', we will compose our own songs using

kennings, accompanied by tuned and untuned percussion and also a return to our ukuleles!