









Curriculum Update

Year 4

Spring 2 2025

Maths		In Maths, this half term, we will be finishing our topic of Length and Perimeter. We will be looking at the perimeter of rectilinear shapes, regular polygons and polygons. We will then move onto looking at Fractions; comparing fractions, converting improper fractions and mixed numbers, adding and subtracting fractions and subtracting fractions from whole amounts and mixed numbers.
SPaG		In SPaG this half term, we will be looking at homophones, a range of prefixes (anti- and inter-) and suffixes (-cian, -sion, -tion and -ssion). Towards the end of the half term, we will be revisiting all taught spelling rules since Autumn during a range of dictation and spelling strategy techniques. Alongside this, as always, our understanding and spelling of Year 3/4 curriculum words will continue to grow.
English		We are continuing to read Varjak Paw by S.F. Said. The story is about a Mesopotamian Blue cat from a large family that live comfortably inside the Contessa's large, grand house. Yet, when the Gentleman arrives with his odd black cats, Varjak and his grandfather the Elder Paw believe that something strange is going on. We will be focusing on writing to entertain.
PSHE		In PSHE this half term, we will be exploring the topic Living in the Wider World. We are going to explore advertisements and the idea that search results are based on the popularity of a website and how this may affect the information that people can access. We are then going to delve deeper into the world of Money and Work and thinking about decision making, with regards to money, using money and keeping money safe.
RE		This half term our RE unit will be the Paschal Candle. We will learn to describe and explain the meaning of the concept of ritual and how Christians use the Paschal Candle in a ritual to remember the resurrection of Jesus. We will think about examples of rituals in our own and others' lives.
Science		We are continuing our learning on States of Matter as it is such a big concept to cover. However, our learning will move towards understanding evaporation and understanding the water cycle. Children will be using their understanding of the different properties the different states of matter hold and applying this to other areas in science. Towards the end of the term, we will start our learning on Sound.

Captivating Curriculum:

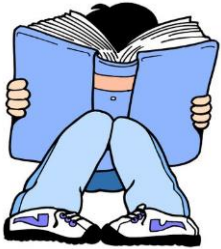
DT	History
In DT our topic is Paper Circuits. We will learn about electrical connections between LEDs, switches and batteries and how to correctly connect these to make a light up card.	We will be learning about The Vikings in history this half term. Children will learn about Viking settlements and homelands, longboats and important dates in Viking history.
Spanish	Computing
Our unit of learning will be My Family. We will learn the nouns for family members and ask and answer the question 'do you have any siblings?' in Spanish.	We will be finishing our topic of Photo Editing, where we will learn to edit and adapt a picture from its original.

PE

Please could children continue to wear their PE kits to school on their PE day, which will be **Tuesdays**.

Suitable PE clothing would be as follows:

- Shoes suitable for PE e.g., trainers
- Leggings, joggers or shorts etc...
- Polo shirt or house PE t-shirt
- School jumper, cardigan or fleece



Reading

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and hear them read at home, it is important to help with difficult words, expression and understanding of the text.

Home Learning

Children will be receiving 2-3 short activities per week, linking to their learning in class. These can be completed independently or with an adult. Alongside these, the home learning expectations are as follows:

Reading

Read reading book with an adult at least 3 x per week.
Short (5-10 minute) sessions are best ☺.
Please can children bring their reading records into school at least twice a week.

Times Table Practice

Practice times tables as much as possible. Log in to Times Table Rockstars, shout them as you're getting dressed, sing them whilst sat on the toilet! Do it anywhere you can!

Home learning will be sent home **weekly on a Friday** and is **due back to school by the following Thursday**. Children have been provided with Home Learning books which they can do their work in. Alternatively, Home Learning can be posted directly to your child's Class Dojo portfolio. Please could children bring back their home learning books **every Friday**, so that they can stick in their home learning.



Optional Home Learning Suggestions

Write a story about your favourite experience

Have you had a favourite experience? Something you really enjoyed and can remember really clearly? Well, tell me! I would love to know more about your adventures and what you enjoy. Think about describing the setting and explaining what happened. You can even use speech if you remember what was said!

Money

Explore money. How many different types of money can you find? What is the largest amount you can make with the money you have found?
What is the smallest amount you can make?
Can you trace around the different shaped coins?

Soundcheck – Times Table Rockstars

Times tables are SO important! Can you spend some time on Soundcheck completing the 25-question test and improving your score each time? Aim for 20+!

Get Creative – Build a Volcano!

Our topic in Geography last half term was 'Earthquakes and Volcanoes'. Can you get creative and make your own volcano? Can you make it erupt? Bring it in and show the class!

Times Tables and Log ins

Please encourage your child to continue to learn and practise their timetables. We will focus on **all of the times tables** this half term. They also need to learn the related division facts as well as recall the multiplication facts quickly. Children will be sent home with their own login names and passwords for Times Tables Rockstars. This can be accessed at home as well as at school to help improve with their times tables knowledge.



Children can access Language Angels at home. This is available as an app on the Apple App Store or as a desktop website. Children are able to play games and listen to songs which go along with the learning we are doing in class.



Class Dojo

Important updates will be posted on Class Dojo often, so please check regularly. If you have any questions or issues, please message Mrs Hunt on Class Dojo and I will get back to you as soon as possible.