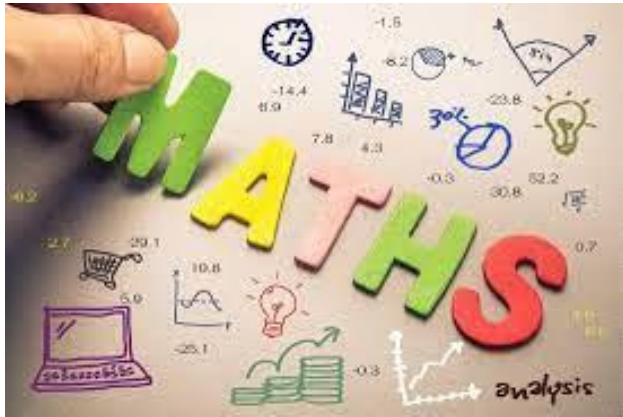


Welcome to Year 4

Teaching in Year 4, we are lucky to have Mrs Bibi and Mrs Stevens who are the teachers in 4SB and Mrs Haque who is teaching in 4H. We also have Mrs Cox supporting across the year group from Monday—Wednesday.



In Maths, this half term we'll be covering: addition, subtraction and area.

In the addition and subtraction unit, we will add and subtract two 4-digit numbers using the column method and learn how to find and use equivalent difference, and other mental methods.

In our area unit, we will find the areas of shapes, draw and compare shapes with different areas.



This half term in English we'll be focussing on Poetry!

Year 4 will have opportunities to delve further into their creative scope and use their knowledge of figurative language, powerful adjectives to create the ultimate 'word picture'. We will be writing Haikus, Cinquains and poems inspired by our previous class book the Norse Myths; we will be writing our very own Kennings.

In Shared Reading, will we continue to explore a range of reading skills such as; inference, retrieval, understating the meaning of words in context, prediction and summarising.

Our class novel is 'The Thread of Life: Twelve Old Italian Tales', which will build upon the children's knowledge of Italy and its culture in geography.

Spelling will be taught daily still with key rules taught each week. This half term we shall be covering: suffixes and irregular patterns.

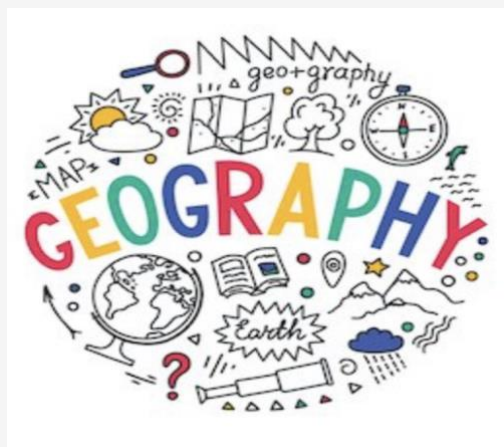
Some children will continue on their Read Write Inc programme with daily sounds shared separately.



This half term, in Science we'll be exploring the topic of living things and their habitats.

We shall:

- group living things according to their characteristics.
- use branching databases to sort plants and animals
- identify what makes a thing living
- use questions to sort animals
- understand the impact of environmental changes
- predict what will happen to habitats if global warming continues



This half term, we are studying Geography.

This will include gaining a better understanding about Europe and the Mediterranean Sea. The children will begin to understand Europe's relationship with the EU and what it means.

Focus will then move towards the country of Italy and how the regions and cities are organised and in turn how it may differ from the UK.

Finally, Year 4 will explore the subject of climate change between countries in Europe and how this may affect trade.



The children in Year 4 are learning to play the Dhol Drums and Steel Pans.

The Dhol Drums originates from Punjab and is extremely important as it is used in celebration so if you have anything to celebrate in Punjab you will bring out the drum and play it to share your news and positivity with all around you! Every celebration needs the strong beat of a Dhol Drum.

Learning to play Steel Pan is holistic and physical, like dancing. Our amazing young musicians are progressing quickly to performance level, bringing pride and a sense of achievement.

We are looking forward to inviting you to our first concert at the end of November - more details to follow.



In Art and Design, Year 4 will be exploring how artists create a mood within a piece of art. They will use this inspiration to help them create a particular mood in their own Viking seascapes. The children will learn different watercolour techniques to create an interesting sea on their piece of art and use their drawing skills to design their own Viking ship.



This half term in French, children will continue to consolidate their learning of numbers 1-31. We will also learn months of the year, as our main aim is to be able to tell someone when our birthday is. We are also going to learn how to say different celebrations and traditions in French such as 'April fools' day' and will expand our cultural knowledge by learning about what happens in France at Christmas time.



This term we'll be learning about Christianity.

Within this religion, we will be exploring the Christmas story. The key question will be focussing on 'What is the most significant part of the Nativity Story for Christians today?'

Year 4 will understand the use of symbolism and its significance within the Nativity Story as well as the concept of incarnation.



In Year 4, we will be learning about how to deal with friendship issues and the difference between these problems and bullying, understanding that families are different but they support each other.

Year 4 will also begin to understand the topic of stereotyping and reflecting on how we communicate with others.



This half term, we'll be learning about the internet. The children will apply their knowledge and understanding of networks to appreciate the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure. They will learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet and be given the opportunities to explore the World Wide Web for themselves to learn about who owns the content and what they can access, add and create.



In PE, our focus will be on the Year 3 and 4 Multi Skills Competition.

The skills are based upon

- Balance
- Agility
- Coordination
- Speed

Children will be participating within 4 multi skills stations and developing these 4 main skills.

Following this, we will move onto Gymnastics.