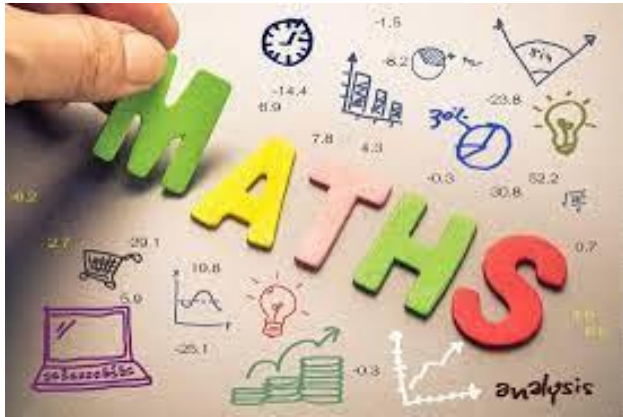


Welcome to Year 4

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: length, perimeter and fractions.

In these unit we will:

- Convert between kilometres and metres
- Find perimeters of shapes
- Work out missing lengths
- Find solutions involving perimeter
- Look at fractions that are greater than 1
- Convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions
- Identify equivalent fractions
- Simplify fractions



In English, our model text is a Warning Tale, 'The Air Raid'. The children will learn the plot structure and focus on how to describe a setting. This will include the use of:

- Expanded noun phrases
- Adverbs of place and manner
- Figurative language
- Powerful adjectives
- Describing the weather and time of day

In Shared Reading, will we continue to explore a range of reading skills such as: making inferences, retrieval, understanding the meaning of words in context, predicting what might happen based on evidence and summarising.

Our class novel is Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine. Forced off to school in a frilly pink dress, Bill discovers one of the worst days in his life is about to begin. Baffled by the way things are just different for girls, Bill falls headlong into trouble. As the amazing day drags on, Bill's new frock become dirtier and tattier.

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 'States of Matter'.

We will:

- Explore what matter is.
- How temperature affects the state that materials adopt.
- Observe the changing state of materials when they are heated or cooled.
- Investigate how water evaporates.
- Describe the stages of the water cycle.



This half term, we are studying Geography. In our lessons we will be exploring Global Trade.

This will include finding out about globalisation and trade links. Moving onto looking at where the food in our supermarkets come from. We will look at the global supply chain, and explore what the UK exports and where it travels to.

We will then finish the unit by looking at the benefits of fair global trade.



Year 4 students will continue with their instrumental studies and further develop their performing skills. E.g. playing increasingly complex pieces with an expanded note range and greater rhythmic variation. We will attempt more extended tasks with a specific brief or context using a wider range of sounds as our instrumental skills develop. We will experience a wider choice of repertoire to extend our knowledge, experience, and appreciation of music from different cultures, genres, and composers. We are hoping to share our performance with different year groups.



This term in Art and Design, Year 4 will explore drawing. We will use architecture to inspire our drawings. We will develop our observational drawing skills and learn to use tone to add areas of shadow and light to our artwork.



In French, this half term, we will continue to describe themselves using adjectives. They will create their spy or villain, and will write about them using a writing template. They will also learn how to describe a person's hair, eyes and height.



This term, we will be focussing on Christianity: Easter. The children will explore the question: Is forgiveness always possible for Christians? Along with the concept of Salvation.

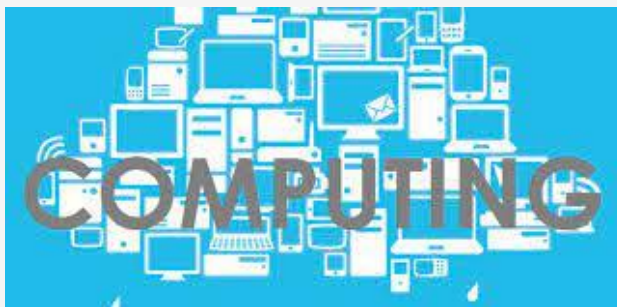
Year 4 will begin to understand how Jesus' life, death and resurrection teaches Christians about forgiveness.



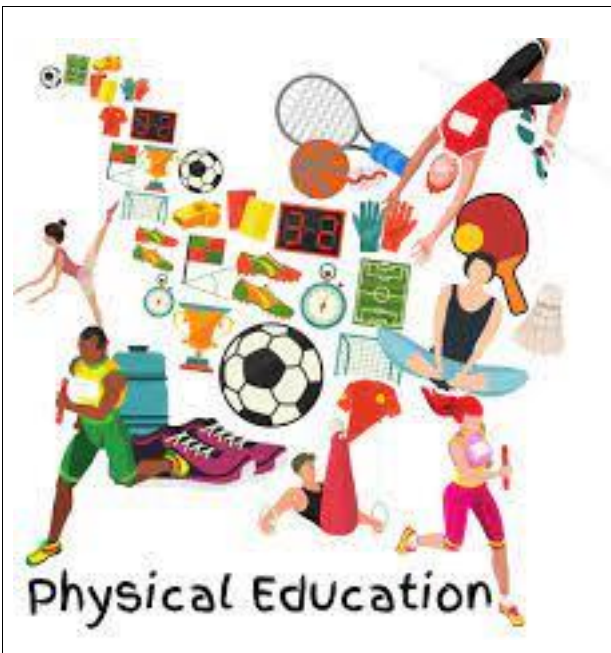
Safety and the changing body.

Year 4 have learnt about building awareness of online safety and the benefits and risks of sharing information online as well as knowing how to help someone with asthma.

This term, the focus will move onto identifying the difference between private and public; age restrictions; exploring the physical and emotional changes in puberty and the risks associated with tobacco.



In digital literacy, the children will explore the potential benefits and risks of 'bots' and how to stay safe online. In information technology, the children will be capturing and editing audio to produce their own podcast.



This term in Year 4 we will be focussing on Athletics.

Year 4 will be refining their sprint technique and learning how to work as a rely team by practicing an effective baton changeover. They'll also learn the technique of throwing the javelin.

Year 4 will apply the running, throwing and jumping techniques throughout the unit.

During the lessons, the children will be trying to improve their own performances as well as helping others achieve their personal best!