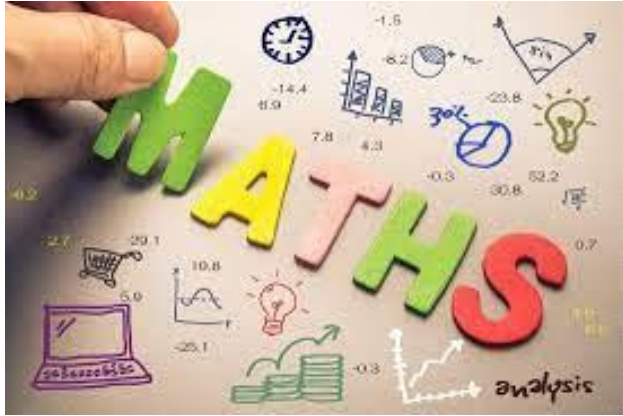


## Welcome to Year 4

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, and Mrs Carroll supporting across the year group from Tuesday-Friday.



In Maths, this half term, we'll be covering: decimals and money.

In these unit we will:

- Learn about the decimal point, and tenth and hundredth columns
- Explore tenths and hundredths as decimals
- Understand how to divide 1 and 2-digit numbers by 10 and 100
- Complete calculations resulting in a decimal answer
- Order, add and subtract amounts of money
- Make estimates
- Solve word problems involving money



In English, we will be focussing on the story of Perseus and Medusa. The children will be exploring the 'defeat the monster' plot structure. The main focus will be story openings and characterisation. Children will continue to use figurative language, fronted adverbials along with a number of linguistic devices to further embellish their writing.

In Shared Reading, we will 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 Charlotte's Web by E. B. White. Charlotte's Web is a story of friendship, courage, and self-sacrifice. Wilbur is a pig who finds out that he is destined for slaughter. His friend, a spider named Charlotte who lives in the doorway of his pigpen, determines to save him; she accomplishes this by spinning words about him in her web.



This half term in Science, we will continue exploring the topic 'Animals, including humans'

We will:

- Look at teeth.
- Investigate how to look after our teeth.
- The digestive system and how it works.
- Food chains.



This half term, Year 4 will be Learning about the Golden Age of Islam. Areas that will be covered are:

- Rulers of the Islamic Empires: Focussing on Baghdad .
- The Muslim government.
- The Golden Age: a period when the great tasks were completed.
- Empire and legacy: focusing on impact and influence and achievements.
- The Silk Road and it's importance.



This half term in music, we will continue our Whole Class Instrumental Tuition in Dhol Drums and Steel pans. We will continue building our performance skills and repertoire. We are hoping to share more performances with Year 1 as they are learning about the music from India.

Curious facts: Someone who plays the Dhol is known as Dholi.



This term in Art and Design, Year 4 will be exploring sculpture. The children will learn different ways to shape paper and create an abstract sculpture inspired by the work of the artist Anthony Caro.



This term, we are continuing to learn about clothes. They have learnt colours and are now going on to learn to talk about when they wear different clothes, for example at school and at the weekend. They will also learn how to describe their uniform and look at what French children wear to school.



This term, Year 4 will be focussing on Christianity, prayer and worship.

The topic will look into places in which children find to be special and why?

This will lead onto understanding places of worship across all religions. Children will then explore why people of faith go to places of worship and the impact it has on them.

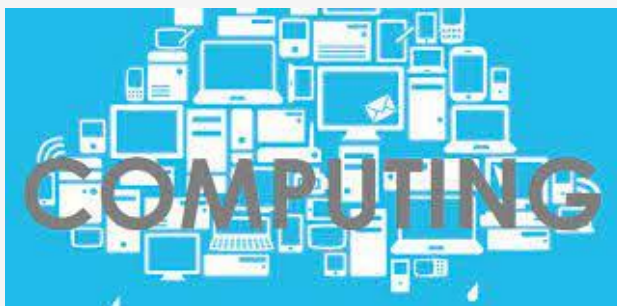
Next, we will be exploring significant ceremonies that take place within a church such as Holy Communions.



This term we will begin to understand what is meant by the term Citizenship. We will be discussing the ideas of reusing items to benefit the environment, roles of different groups of people in the wider community and their contributions.

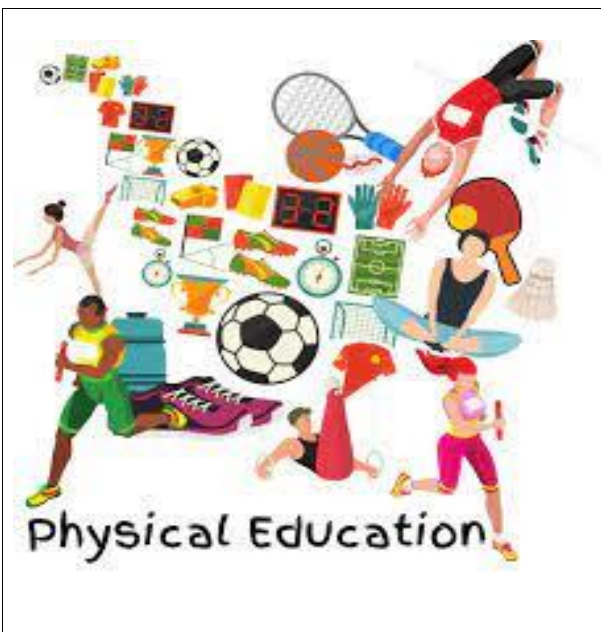
From citizenship, we will be moving on the topic of economics.

Children will begin to understand the values of money and budgeting.



In computing, Year 4 will be focussing on data logging. They will focus on why data is collected over time, before using data loggers to carry out an investigation.

They will also continue to explore how to protect their identity and personal information online.



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

Skills covered will be:

- Sending a netball accurately in a variety of ways.
- Being able to pass under pressure.
- Being able to distinguish a passing technique depending on a given distance.
- Teamwork, defending and attacking through fluid positioning.