



# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter



## Term 3

### Maths

In maths this term, we will start with more times tables knowledge, first exploring the link between the 3- and 9-times tables before moving on to the 7s. We will then explore patterns when multiplying and dividing larger numbers by ten.

Towards the end of the term, we will start learning about co-ordinates including how to plot them on a graph and translate these co-ordinates to new positions.

We will focus on learning the 6- and 7-times tables in our daily times tables sessions.

### RE

This term, we will be thinking about the question 'Does completing a pilgrimage make a Muslim a better person'. The children will learn about the Journey to Makkah and the preparations a Muslim will need to take.

The children will reflect on journeys which are important to them to help them understand the significance of a pilgrimage.

### English

In English this term, we will begin by looking at a series of poems by John Lyons, exploring how the words/phrases capture the readers imagination. The culmination of this unit will be a poetry performance, where we will show our understanding through intonation, tone, volume, and action. Next we will explore persuasive writing around the theme of dragons! We will learn how to use exaggeration, rhetorical questions and superlatives to write a persuasive letter.

### Music

This term we will have NMPAT deliver our music lessons. The children will have the opportunity to learn how to play a brass instrument! Children will develop resilience, focus, self-discipline and teamwork, all while having fun!

### History

In History we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons. We will start by looking at some of the famous figures from this time. We will explore the transition of cultures as the Anglo Saxons arrived in Britain and investigate some of the lasting changes that remain.

### D&T

In D&T this term we will be making our own felt from scratch (using merino wool) to make pencil cases. we will develop our existing measuring, cutting, and sewing skills, including fastening a button, to produce a final product which we will evaluate and take home to use!

## Science

In science, we will be exploring living things in their habitats. We will start by learning about habitats and their characteristics before developing our knowledge of various organisms.

Using dichotomous classification keys, we will understand what a characteristic of an organism is and learn to sort them by their similarities and differences – we will also create our own classification keys.

The final lesson of the unit will examine the impacts that humans can have on natural habitats, both positive and negative, and we will encourage others to protect our natural habitats.

## Home Learning

Each week, children will be given a short arithmetic task to complete at home. These will be handed out on a Friday and should be returned the following Thursday. In addition, children will receive a list of spellings each term to practise and learn.

In addition to this, children are expected to read at least four times a week at home. They will be given a book matched to their reading level. Once they have finished their book, they will complete a short quiz in school which allows us to see how they are progressing.



## PE

Our sports coaches will be teaching the unit 'pass, position, patience' where children will learn passing skills and learn what attacking strategies can be applied to simple invasion games.

We will also continue with our weekly swimming lessons throughout this term to build and develop our skills in the water. These will be led by swimming instructors.

## Computing

Our computing lessons this term will be about audio editing.

We will use Audible to record and edit our own programs which can be used to create our own podcast!

## Spanish

Our new unit will be 'En la cafetería'. We will build on our previous vegetables and fruit units to learn how to order food in a café style environment. We will also learn how to say please, thank you, some and many. As always, we will sing lots of Spanish songs and play games to help develop our understanding.

## PSHE

This term we will learn about being responsible. We will learn about the world of work and the responsibilities they have now and may have in the future. We will learn why it's important to be responsible for ourselves and how our actions can affect others.