

Year 4 Newsletter



Term 4 (2022/2023)

News

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed your break and that you are ready to enjoy this term's learning.



Our PE day is on Tuesday for all three classes. Please ensure you have the correct PE kit, white top, school jumper, trainers and black shorts (or black leggings / tracksuit bottoms). We are also delighted to be starting our computing lessons this term, along with our other exciting topics. We can't wait to see you.

Miss Fox, Mr Nugent and Mr Shorer

Our PUPAC values

Passion



Urgency



Positivity



Aspiration

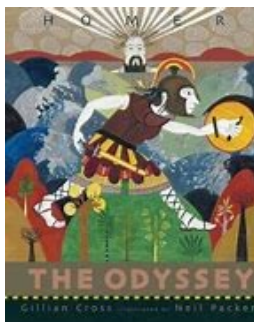


Commitment



Reading

This term, we will be reading Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, retold by Gillian Cross. We will learn about the story of Trojan War, the adventures of Odysseus and consolidate our understanding of the Greek gods from our history last term.



Writing

This term, we will be studying what makes an effective suspense story. We will be developing our knowledge of grammar and punctuation, in particular, apostrophes for possession and understanding of adverbs. We will then use these skills when writing our own suspense stories.

Maths

During term 4, the children will use formal methods to solve addition, subtraction and multiplication equations. They will apply this knowledge through a variety of word problems which will improve their reasoning skills. Later in the term, the children will have the opportunity to run their own shop, using their understanding of money from term 1.

By the end of year 4, children are expected to quickly recall their times tables up to 12 x 12 and strengthening this knowledge will continue to be one of our main focuses over the next few terms.

Every child has a Times Table Rock Stars login, so additional practice at home will help them secure their confidence and knowledge of times tables.

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1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

Science

This term in our science lessons, we will be learning about 'Electricity.' We will be looking at multiple appliances that run on electricity, as well as constructing simple circuits containing bulbs, switches and buzzers. We will also be identifying different common conductors and insulators.



Physical Education (PE)

This term, year 4 will be learning how to play tennis. They will learn how to hold the racket correctly and how to execute different kinds of shots.

Our PE day is **Tuesday**.



Spanish

In Spanish, we will continue to develop our knowledge of how to say the date. We will also develop our understanding of the spoken language to answer questions such as ¿Cuándo es tu cumpleaños? (When is your birthday?)



Geography

In geography this term, we will develop our knowledge of India. We will explore the formation of the Himalayas. On top of this, we will learn how the movement of the tectonic plates caused this mountain range to form over many years.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

In PSHE this term, we will begin by looking at how we become more independent as we get older. We will then move onto looking at how our choices make a difference to others and our environment.



Religious Education (RE)

Our big question this term is: What is philosophy? The children will learn about the famous philosopher, René Descartes. They will develop their ability to do some deep thinking, using themes such as: *What is time? How can we be truly happy?*

"I THINK,
THEREFORE I AM"

A CERTAIN CONCLUSION WHEN
SURROUNDED BY DOUBT



Computing

This term in computing, we will be looking at networks and the internet. We will learn what networks are, what the internet is, who owns it and about how not all the information we can find on the internet is true.



Homework

Weekly homework will be **set on Friday** and is **due in on the following Wednesday**.

This homework will include maths revision and times tables practise activities. Please ensure it is completed and returned on time each week.

Please read with your child daily as this is vital for their progress.