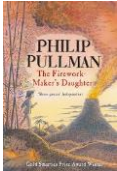




Year 4 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Summer 1 2024

What will your child be learning this half term?

Guided Reading – In Guided Reading this half term, we are studying the novel <i>The Firework Maker's Daughter</i>. We will be answering comprehension questions based on these using our VIPERS scheme. 	Religious Education (R.E.) – our units this half term are Easter and Pentecost We will be learning all about the Resurrection of Christ and the events surrounding this. We will look at the reactions of different people towards this event. We will learn about the key events of Pentecost and the effect this had upon the disciples.
Writing – We are using the Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar unit from Grammarsaurus for the first 4 weeks of this half-term. The goal is to help the children become more confident with the basic skills of writing so their overall writing style becomes more fluid and expressive. Our grammar focus will be: Grammar basics and to write sentences in increasing detail using this knowledge.	Maths – Our Maths this half term is building our knowledge and understanding of decimals. We will be looking at decimal places, writing decimals as tenths and hundredths, rounding to the nearest whole number and how to times and divide them by 10 and 100. We will then move on to learning about money and solving problems to do with this. We are spending lots of time in class working on our times tables, getting ready for the Year 4 Multiplication Check that the children will sit in June. It is important that they continue to practise these at home as much as possible. Times tables club continues this half term for ALL Year 4 pupils. It is on a <u>MONDAY</u> until 4.15pm.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – A variety of prefixes and understanding the effect this has upon a word. -ar/-er endings.	Mental Maths - This half term we will focus on: • Times tables speed • Related facts ($4 \times 7 \rightarrow 40 \times 70$)
History - In History this half-term, we are learning all about the Anglo-Saxons, Scots and Vikings. We will be looking at the different kingdoms of Anglo-Saxon Britain, how the Vikings invaded and the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings.	Science – In Science, we are studying Rocks. We will look at the different types of rock: igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary, and how each of these are formed. We will also learn how to identify different types of rock and how these have changed on the earth's surface.
Physical Education (P.E.) Children will need their PE kit in school on Mondays and Fridays: red round-necked PE top, navy shorts, plain black pumps. This half term in PE we are studying cricket and tag rugby. We are working on team game skills, following	French – French Weather and the Water Cycle During this half term the children will be learning phrases to describe the weather and vocabulary for the compass points; counting from 1-100 in multiples of ten; combining this knowledge to make statements about

rules and safety as well as increasing the level of difficulty.	what the temperature is in different parts of France and to deliver a weather forecast. The unit culminates in a French science lesson, where the children explore the water cycle and recognise scientific cognates
Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – We will be studying emotional wellbeing and lifecycles in this half term's PSHE. We will be continuing our learning about the human life cycle and what we can expect as we grow up.	Music – An advanced level of World Music percussion styles will be played, using Djembe, Samba and Asian drums. Authentic African patterns (IBO) will be played.
Computing – we will be continuing our work on photo editing.	

Other Important Information

Key dates for this half term:

- Wednesday 10th April – Y4 art day
- Thursday 11th April – Safer internet assemblies: 2pm KS2, 2:45pm for parents
- Friday 12th April – whole school Mass in hall
- Tuesday 16th April – Year 4 to Mass at Church
- Monday 6th May – school closed for May Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 8th May – May Procession 2:30pm (PLEASE BRING FLOWERS on this day)
- Friday 17th May – National Numeracy Day and Mad Hair Day for Fr Hudson's (£1 donation per child)
- Saturday 18th May – School Mass at St Joseph's Darlaston followed by stalls and bouncy castle
- Tuesday 21st May – Year 4 to Mass at Church
- Thursday 23rd May – Year 4 Vikings day in school

Homework in Year 4

- Children are expected to read every day for 15 - 20 minutes – please sign your child's planner to show that this has been completed.
- Spellings will be stuck into planners and shared on the class page of the school website. Please help your child to learn these spellings at home. Spelling tests will take place on Wednesdays each week.
- Mental Maths – Please help your child to practise addition, subtraction and multiplication facts at home. Mental Maths tests will take place on Wednesdays each week.