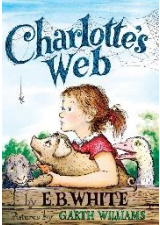
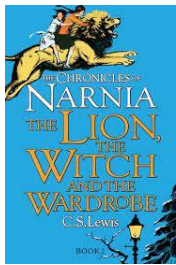




Year 4 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Spring 2 2024

What will your child be learning this half term?

Guided Reading – In Guided Reading this half term, we are studying the novel <i>Charlotte's Web</i>. We will be answering comprehension questions based on these using our VIPERS scheme. Our main focus this half term is vocabulary. 	Religious Education (R.E.) – our units this half term are Lent and Holy Week. We will be learning all about Lent and why it is important, about the Beatitudes, Jesus' teachings of forgiveness and why it is important that we live our lives in this way. We will learn about the key events of Holy Week, reasons for Jesus' death and His trial.
Writing – We are continuing with 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' this half term, studying the characters and plot ready to write our own portal story. Our grammar focus will be: Building a story plot, different ways to make sentences interesting and how to write dialogue between two characters correctly. 	Maths – Our Maths this half term is developing our multiplication and division skills to include column multiplication and short division (BUS STOP method). We will then move onto looking at different types of graph and how we can use them to interpret data. 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. It is on a <u>MONDAY</u> until 4.15pm.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Words with s spelt –sc Words with soft c spelt –ce Words with soft c spelt cl Word families based on common words.	Mental Maths - This half term we will focus on: • mental addition and subtraction methods. • 6x table • multiplication and division facts linked to times tables up to 12x12.
Geography - In Geography this half term, we are studying South America, and we will be looking at the different physical and human features, the geography of the continent, and how this compares with Walsall and the UK.	Science – In Science, we are studying Ecosystems. The children are learning about the diets of animals, what an ecosystem is and how to construct and interpret a food chain/web.
Physical Education (P.E.) Children will need their PE kit in school on Mondays and Fredays: red round-necked PE top, navy shorts, plain black pumps. This half term in PE we are studying tennis and multi skills. We will be working on our coordination, focussing and team skills as well as how to play tennis following rules.	French – French weather and the water cycle 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 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) – Emotional wellbeing and life cycles are what we are looking at in PSHE this half term. How to look after our mental health and that of others, life cycles and how to support others at various times in our lives.	Music – we are learning composition and improvisation in small groups and recording a class composition.
Computing – we will be continuing our work on programming and moving on to looking at data logging and analysing.	

Other Important Information

Key dates for this half term:

- Thursday 22nd February – choir at Young Voices
- Saturday 24th March – Family Mass at St Joseph's, Darlaston 4pm
- Thursday 29th February – healthy eating workshop
- Friday 1st March – choir to perform for parents at 2:45pm in hall.
- Tuesday 5th March – Author Ian Billings visit
- Thursday 7th March – Year 4 to Walsall Art Gallery
- Friday 8th March – World Book Day: bedtime stories theme (wear pyjamas)
- Tuesday 19th March – St Joseph's Feast Day at Church 10am
- Wednesday 20th March – Stations of the Cross
- Thursday 21st March – One Life Lent Retreat
- Friday 22nd March – World Maths Day, CAFOD Big Lent Walk, Egg Diorama Competition, Easter Bonnet parade.

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 **Fridays** each week.