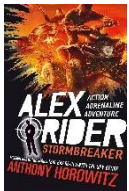
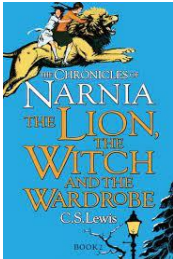




Year 4 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Spring 1 2024

What will your child be learning this half term?

Guided Reading –This half term we will be reading ‘Stormbreaker’ by Anthony Horowitz together in class. We will work on developing our comprehension skills by focusing on VIPERS questions. 	Religious Education (R.E.) – our units this half term are Christmas and Moses & King David. We will be exploring the messages of the angels at Christmas, how we celebrate the birth of Christ in Church and how we can be messengers of Christ today. We will learn about the key stories of Moses and King David and the symbolism of the Oil of Chrism in the Sacraments of the Church.
Writing – The focus book for our writing this half term is ‘The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe’.  Non-fiction: informal letter from Lucy to her mother. Poetry: free verse Our grammar focus will be: Cohesive sentences, determiners, commas, similes, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.	Maths – Our Maths this half term is focussing on developing our knowledge of fractions. We will look at counting in hundredths, writing mixed numbers, finding equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. We will then move onto deepening our understanding of multiplication and division by progressing to column method and short division. 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 is on a MONDAY until 4.15pm.
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Homophones & near-homophones, -ation suffix, sub and super prefix, possessive apostrophe Word class Simple, compound and complex sentences Writing in past, present and future tense	Mental Maths - This half term we will focus on: • 9 times table. • Single digit addition and subtraction with speed.
History - this half term we are learning all about the Roman invasion of Britain. We will look at the expansion of the Roman empire, their important figures and leaders, the invasions of Britain by Caesar, Boudicca’s revolt and the lasting legacy of the Romans on Britain.	Science – we are studying human anatomy this half term. We will look at the major organs of the human body and their functions, major bones and functions, digestive system and our teeth.
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.	French –French food, cafés, ordering and menus -‘Yum Yum’- or ‘Miam, Miam’ ! During this half term, the children will learn food vocabulary and revises numbers to 100, this time in the context of money and prices. The unit encourages

This half term in PE we are studying dance and dodgeball. We are working on skills including: balance, coordination, teamwork, following a routine and memorising rules and steps.	children to develop their language detective skills and confidence with practical conversational French.
Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – Created and Loved by God is our PSHE unit for this half-term. This unit explores the individual and helps us understand that we are made in the image and likeness of God, it helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.	Art / DT – We will be learning how to tell stories through drawing.
Computing – we are looking at programming to create repetition in shapes and give instructions to a computer turtle.	Music – we are learning how to play in harmony and how to read some notes on sheet music. We will also be studying some theory of music, including key vocabulary and some music history.

Other Important Information

Tuesday 23rd January – Healthy Eating workshop 2pm
Saturday 27th January – Mass at St Joseph's Darlaston 4pm
Tuesday 30th January – Year 4 to Mass at Church
Thursday 1st February – Romans workshop in school
Friday 9th February – break up for half term

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.