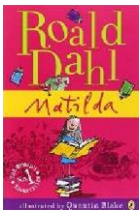
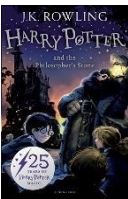




Year 4 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Autumn 2 2023

What will your child be learning this half term?

Guided Reading – This half term we will be reading 'Matilda by Roald Dahl together in class. We will work on developing our comprehension skills by focusing on Vocabulary and Inference. 	Religious Education (R.E.) – We are learning all about Jesus as the Light of the World in RE this half term. We will also learn an overview of Hinduism before we begin our exciting Advent unit.
Writing – The focus book for our writing this half term is 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. Fiction: Setting description - We will be writing a setting description as our fiction writing this half term. The children will choose one of the many fantastic settings to write about before visiting them for themselves on our trip.  Non-fiction: Magazine Article – Come to Hogwarts! Our grammar focus will be: Fiction: Fronted adverbials, commas and determiners. Non-Fiction: time conjunctions, 2nd person and 's' plurals.	Maths – Our Maths this half term is working on our subtraction knowledge and applying this into word problems. We will then move onto multiplication and division, working specifically on written methods, word problems and times tables speed. We are spending lots of time in class working on our times tables, getting ready for the <u>Year 4 Multiplication Check that the children will sit in June</u>. It is important that they continue to practise these at home as much as possible. Key tables to practise this half term: 4x and 8x (look at the doubles).
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Words with the 'shun' spelt -sion, -ssion, -tion, -cian, words with -ough. Complex sentences, pronouns, speech punctuation, fronted adverbials, past, present & future tense.	Mental Maths - This half term we will focus on: • mental addition and subtraction methods. • multiplication tables speed.
Geography - this half term we are learning all about Migration, Hemispheres and Tropics. We will look at the different types of migration, why people migrate, what an emigrant and an immigrant is and the effects of climate change. We will also be learning about the earth's hemispheres, tropics and comparing the Arctic and Antarctic, as well as looking at time zones around the world.	Science – In Science, we are studying Electrical Currents. The children are learning about the components of an electrical circuit, drawing and recognising them as well as knowing what insulators and conductors are.

Physical Education (P.E.) Children will need their PE kit in school on Mondays: red round-necked PE top, navy shorts, plain black pumps. They will need their swimming kit on Tuesdays: swimming costume, towel, swim hat. This half term in PE we are studying gymnastics, focussing on balance, coordination and listening skills. We will also be working on our hockey skills, practising teamwork, coordination and strength.	French – we will be learning how to recognise and use vocabulary related to clothing, to add adjectives and adjust this according to gender, to understand adjectival position and agreement for gender and number, to express an opinion (like/dislike), to describe an outfit using adjectives correctly.
Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – Created and Loved by God is our PSHE unit for this half term, as well as looking at anti-bullying. 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 learning how to make a moving object using our knowledge of electrical currents from Science.
Computing – Editing audio: we will learn how to record sounds, create a podcast and then edit it using software.	Music – Live and recorded music will be played to the class. They will be asked to recall details of the performance they have just heard, to include instruments used, tempo, etc.

Other Important Information

Wednesday 8th November – Flu vaccines
 Wednesday 15th November – Bollywood Dreams dance workshop
 Monday 20th November – individual school photographs
 Tuesday 28th November – Year 4 at Mass St Joseph's Darlaston
 Friday 8th December – School and Parish Christmas Fayre 3:30-4:30pm
 Tuesday 12th December – Theatre trip to see Snow White 2:30pm
 Wednesday 13th December – Year 4 trip to Harry Potter Studios – late return to school (around 7pm)
 Tuesday 19th December – KS2 Christmas Carols service 2:30pm in school hall

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 at home. Mental Maths practise will take place each week.