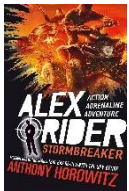
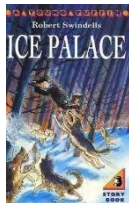




Year 4 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Spring 1 2022

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 ‘Ice Palace’. We will be starting off by writing shape poems about winter, focussing on description. Non-fiction: information leaflet about Norway. Media: narrative using a clip. Our grammar focus will be: Cohesive sentences, determiners, commas, similes, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. 	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 starts this half term for invited pupils (parentmail message if your child is invited). It is on a WEDNESDAY until 4.15pm. There will be a parent’s meeting about the Multiplication Tables Check that Year 4 children will sit in June. This will be <u>Monday 16th January</u> at <u>3pm</u> in the <u>hall</u>.
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: • mental addition and subtraction methods. • multiplication and division facts linked to times tables up to 12x12.
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, circulatory system and our teeth.

Physical Education (P.E.) Children will need their PE kit in school on Mondays and Tuesdays: red round-necked PE top, navy shorts, plain black pumps. 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.	French – this half term we are learning all about French food: how to order it in a café, names of foods with their correct gender (le or la), French money to pay for items and how to read a French menu.
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 continuing to develop our sketching skills, learning about the style of LS Lowry and creating our own pieces in his style.
Computing – we will identify the input device (microphone) and output devices (speaker or headphones) required to work with sound digitally. We will discuss copyright and produce a podcast, which will include editing their work, adding multiple tracks, and opening and saving the audio files. Finally, learners will evaluate their work and give feedback to their peers.	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 24th January – Year 4 bike maintenance workshop
 Thursday 26th January – drama workshop in school
 Tuesday 7th February – Year 4 at Mass in Church
 Thursday 9th February – Romans workshop in school
 Thursday 16th February – parents evening for Year 4
 Friday 17th 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 **Thursdays** 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.