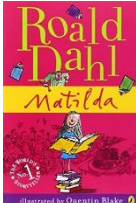
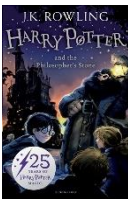




Year 4 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Autumn 2 2022

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 Prayer in RE this half term. We are studying some Old Testament prayers and working on our understanding of some traditional prayers that we say. Then, we will learn about Jesus as the Light of the World 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 – Diagon Alley We will be writing a setting description as our fiction writing this half term. Since we are going on our fantastic trip to the Warner Bros Studios on 1st December, the children will get to walk physically down Diagon Alley, before returning to school to write all about it.  Non-fiction: explanation text – How to Play Quidditch. Our grammar focus will be: Fiction: Fronted adverbials, commas and determiners. Non-Fiction: time conjunctions 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 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.
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 and division facts linked to the 6, 9, 25 times tables.
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 – we are studying the Rock Cycle this half term. We will be learning what types of rock there are, how they're formed and how they can change. We will also look briefly at the layers of the earth.
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.	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.

We will also be working on our hockey skills, practising teamwork, coordination and strength.	
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 be continuing to develop our sketching skills, observing details to accurately copy an image.
Computing – we will learn what a network is and how the internet is a network of networks that must be kept secure. We will learn how to use the World Wide Web safely and effectively as well as evaluate online content to decide how honest, accurate, or reliable it is, and understand the consequences of false information.	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

Thursday 3rd November – One Life Retreat day in school.
 Sunday 20th November – Family Mass at St Joseph's Darlaston 8:30am
 Tuesday 22nd November – Year 4 go to Mass at St Joseph's Darlaston.
 Thursday 1st December – Year 4 class trip to Harry Potter Studios
 Thursday 8th December – whole school theatre visit
 Friday 9th December – Christmas Fayre at school starting at 3:30pm.
 Sunday 11th December – Family Mass at St Joseph's Darlaston 8:30am
 Tuesday 13th December – whole school Mass in school
 Wednesday 14th December – KS2 Carol Service in school
 Thursday 15th December – Christmas craft afternoon in school
 Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day, party afternoon and break up for Christmas holiday.
 Tuesday 3rd January – return to school at normal time.

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 tests will take place on Fridays each week.