

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2023
CLASS: Lavender Class
Year 4



23.10.2023 - 27.10.2023: Half Term
After school clubs will start the week commencing 11th September.

Class News

Please ensure that ALL uniform, coats and bags are labelled. Children are encouraged to bring in a pencil case with a pencil, black pen, red pen, ruler, sharpener, a small pritt stick glue and colouring pencils for their use.

Please remember to bring labelled water bottles to school each day and a healthy snack for breaktime is optional **(NO NUTS)**.

Lunch should be ordered from home for the week using Schoolgrid.

Our **PE** days are Thursdays and Fridays so children can come to school in their PE kits.

Homework is set and due weekly on Fridays and consist of:

- Times Tables Rock Stars **(5 minutes daily)**
- Reading **(20 minutes daily)**
- Spelling **(5 minutes daily)** Spelling tests are on Friday.
- Maths or reading task on Google Classroom **(weekly)**
- AR quiz **(weekly)**

All homework will be set on Google Classroom so please ensure you are signed in. If not, please come and speak to us and we will do all we can to help.

Parent consultations will run from 10th-12th October.

Upcoming events: We are lucky to be having a cooking workshop on Wednesday 20th September and a dance workshop with 'Make Believe' on 10th October.

CORE SUBJECTS

English writing

In English, we will be continuing with our new scheme 'The Write Stuff'. Our Literacy cycle this term will include a Narrative mystery based on The Whale by Ethan and Vita Murrow, a science fiction piece based on the story The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and a Non-Fiction/Newspaper report based on Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell.

In these lessons children will be taught grammatical skills and shown how to stack a sentence. Each lesson will build up and work towards their final piece of writing.

English reading

This year, we will be continuing with our daily reading groups where the children can work at and be challenged at their own pace.

We will be working on the different elements of skilled reading with a variety of text types as well as learning techniques on answering detailed comprehension questions.



Mathematics

Maths in the Autumn term is used to ensure that the children have a secure understanding of number and place value.

We will be learning about:

- The place value of 4 digit numbers
- Negative numbers
- Rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

- Area, perimeter and length

Year 4 children MUST know all their times tables to 12x12!

There will be a parent meeting later in the term to inform you about the Government times table test.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Science

We have a physics focus this term in science. We will start off by looking at the different states of matter and how particles react in different conditions. We build upon this knowledge in the second part of the term when we begin to study sound including how we hear them and making sounds louder and quieter.



PSHE

This term our Jigsaw units are Being Me and Celebrating Differences. We will be looking at how our actions can affect others, how we can work together to solve problems. We will also be looking at how we are all unique and celebrate our differences.



RE

Christianity: children will learn not only about religion but from religion; the focus is not only on Christianity but children will be able to draw from other religions and their own beliefs and practices. Children will be able to identify similarities across religions with a great focus on how people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate key festivals.

French

We will be learning how to describe things in French. The children will learn that adjectives can change if the noun is masculine or feminine. We will then use these to practice describing clothes in French. There are some fantastic free resources on the internet to help children remember what they have learned.



PE

Dance: The children will be practicing routines to different themes such as 'The Spy' and 'Carnival'.
Fundamentals and Fitness: They will be practicing skills such as balancing, changing direction and speed when running and building their stamina and strength.

History

Our history topic is Ancient Civilisations with a focus on 'What inventions can we thank the Ancient Civilisations for?' Children will learn about Writing systems, Trade, Maths and numbers, Technology and inventions and Buildings and structures (Ancient wonders of the world).

DT

Fashion/Textiles: children will be exploring and analysing different ways to join fabrics together. They will be using a range of stitches, pattern pieces and decorative elements to produce a seasonal stocking which they will then evaluate.



Art

Drawing: children will learn a variety of shading and sketching techniques whilst making careful observations to draw self portraits and how to create a 3-dimensional drawing by using different techniques. They will also be exploring photographic techniques.

Computing

There will be a big focus on Online safety at the beginning of term to support pupils using computers safely at home and school then we will develop our skills in coding and using different programmes effectively e.g. google forms and spreadsheets.



Music

We will be working towards writing music down this term! This will be after we have done lots of listening and following of music, learning new songs and playing the recorder and glockenspiel to these songs also! We will be practicing playing as a band as well as exploring the stories music tells us about the past.



Special weeks

Wednesday 13th September: Roald Dahl Themed Lunch.
Thursday 14th September: Cooking workshop for Year 2.
Friday 15th September: Rosh Hashanah lunch.
Friday 22nd September: Harvest Festival Lunch.
30.10.2023 - 03.11.2023: Making a Difference Week
Tuesday 31st October: Halloween Lunch & Halloween Disco
Friday 3rd November: Bonfire Night Lunch
Friday 10th November: Remembrance Day Lunch
13.11.2023 - 17.11.2023: Anti Bullying Week
Monday 13th November: Diwali Themed Lunch
04.12.2023 - 08.12.2023: Enterprise Week
Tuesday 5th December: Hanukkah Themed Lunch
Wednesday 13th December: Christmas Themed Lunch

