

Welcome to Autumn Term

We hope you are well and had a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and energised for the start of the new academic year!

The adults working with **Year 4 2020-2021** are as follows:

Lucy Norman (Whitread)
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The Year 4 curricula for the next half term is as follows:

Reading

In Year 4 we continue to follow the Destination Reader scheme. This term, both classes will be reading Archie's War and Ancient Egypt, Tales of Gods and Pharaohs written by Marcia Williams. In addition to the whole class texts, children will be reading books at their instructional level. Please support your child by listening to them read at home, encouraging them to read with expression and question them throughout. We encourage children to complete Accelerated Reader Quizzes at home when they have finished a book, this is a great way for the children to reflect on the book and check their understanding.

Writing

We continue to develop the children's writing through Talk 4 Writing which many of you will be familiar with. This term, the children will be writing a losing tale based on the text *George's Marvellous Concoction* with a particular focus on building characters through description and dialogue

Maths

This term, the children will be consolidating and developing their arithmetic and reasoning skills in the context of place value, addition and subtraction. To ensure a strong understanding, the children will regularly complete mathematical reasoning activities which will enable them to demonstrate the depth of their knowledge. We will be providing weekly activities on J2E for your child to complete at home to help secure their knowledge. Please continue to encourage them to **practise times tables daily** in preparation for the year 4 multiplication test.

Geography

This term our focus in Geography is The Water Cycle. We will be learning about just how valuable the rainforests are to this cycle whilst learning about how the rainforests are being protected and the impact we are having on the fragile ecosystems. Throughout the term we will identify where our water comes from and how this impacts the location of cities and settlements in the U.K.

Religious Education

We will be learning about the life of the Buddha and exploring how he tried to be happy and stay happy. Throughout the term we will work towards answering the question '*Is it possible for everyone to be happy?*' using our knowledge of Buddhism to support our answers.

Physical Education

This term both classes will have P.E twice a week. Throughout the term the children will be learning skills that are needed to invasion games. They will learn how to intercept and pass balls, mark an opponent, signal for a ball and develop special awareness. The children will also continue with swimming lessons. Please see below for your child's class P.E timetable.

Kapoor

Tuesday – Invasion Games

Friday – Games

Whiteread

Wednesday – Swimming

Friday – Invasion Games

PSHE

This term, Year 4 children will primarily be learning PSHE through the Cambridge scheme. The unit we will begin with is Citizenship with a focus on diversity within our communities.

Science

In science, we will be learning about animals including humans. The children will have the opportunity to carry out many experiments that will help them develop their understanding of the human body exploring things like bones, muscle, movement and the circulatory system.

Music

In Music, the children will be learning how to scale the heights. In order to do this they will learn how to recognise intervals within major scales and work towards composing simple melodies using stepping scales. Throughout the term the children will have opportunities to develop an understanding of the history of music across different periods.

Spanish

This term we will be re-introducing Spanish to the curriculum. The children will recap their knowledge of colours before moving onto learning the names and how to describe different body parts e.g. long hair.

Art

In art we will be study British art history with a focus on our class artists (Whiteread and Kapoor). Throughout the term we will be discussing art produced by these artists before creating our own sculptures using a variety of materials.

Computing

This term in computing the children will become software developers, they will be planning and designing a game with a clear target audience in mind. Following on from this, the children will be working together to create Wikipedia pages. They will develop their researching skills and know how to write for a specific audience and work collaboratively with their peers.

Homework will uploaded each Friday to J2e. Your child should complete this work at home to help consolidate the learning they have completed throughout the week. There will be a spelling task each week on a Friday along with the times-table quiz. We will use J2E to provide any materials that we think will support your child's learning.

Best wishes,

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