



Year 4 Autumn 2023

Welcome to a new academic year and a new classroom. It is going to be an exciting term with some fabulous learning opportunities planned. We are going to work hard, but we will learn a great deal and have some fun doing so.

In English, we will be starting off looking at vocabulary building using the poems 'Overheard on a Saltmarsh' by Harold Monroe and 'A small dragon' by Brain Patten. We will also look at Traditional Tales, Myths and Questions as well as practising our report writing with the focus on wolves.

In Maths, we are starting off by looking at place value, comparing and ordering numbers, counting backwards and forwards and rounding. We will then move onto the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In science, for the first half term we will be looking at habitats and food chains. We will be recapping what was learnt in Year 2 and expanding on our knowledge. We will look at how a food chain is made up, how the habitat can affect this and also how environment changes can cause issues for animals. We will also be going on a trip to Paradise Wildlife Park to help embed our learning. After half term we will move onto states of matter and learning the properties and comparing solids, liquids and gases.

We will have two geography units this term looking at settlements and earning a living. During both of these units we will be developing our map skills, looking at how certain industries and settlements are dependent on geographical location.

Other!

PE: This term PE will be taught on a Monday and Wednesday. Please remember to come to school in PE kits on those days (please ensure you have the correct PE kit – making sure jewellery is removed and hair is tied back). The Tuesday lesson will be with Miss Thorn. **Swimming will be taught during this half term over a two-week block. Further information will be provided next week.**

Computing: As well as on-going e-safety, we will be learning about the internet and audio editing.

Music: Due to a new music scheme in school, the children will be completing two catch up units this term ensuring they have all the skills required moving forward with the scheme.

RE: Our theme this year is Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism, with a focus on Hinduism and Christmas this term.

PSHE: This will be covered in a range of different areas, including: assemblies, discussions in class and PSHE lessons. This term we will be looking at 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences'.

Art & DT: We will be starting off with Art this term looking at proportion, composition and pattern in drawing and combine media for effect when developing a drawing into a print. We will then move onto DT and mechanical systems and make a slingshot car.

Weekly timetable

Monday:

- Homework given (spelling words/times tables/weekly optional task)
- PE

Wednesday:

- PE

Thursday:

- Homework in

Friday:

- Spelling/Times tables tests

Reading books need to be in school daily. Please can children read at home every day, for at least 20 minutes.