

Year 4

Welcome to Year 4!

Mr Farrar and Miss Atkin are the year 4 teachers this year and we hope you are as excited about the year ahead as we are. We hope you had a lovely summer and are feeling energised and excited about the coming year.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some information regarding the learning that will be taking place over the next term.



Maths

Maths will be taught in two groups by Mr Farrar and Miss Atkin.

This half term, we will focus on the understanding of place value. Place value is essential as it gives the children a good foundation for future maths problems and learning.

Children will practise and secure new learning before solving problems and applying their knowledge in different contexts.

English

English will be taught by Miss Atkin, Mr Farrar and Mrs Duckworth.

The work we have planned this half term will be inspired by the book 'Henry's Freedom Box' By Ellen Levine. The children will study this astonishing story using various active reading strategies to generate understanding, ask questions, find answers and refine their thinking. They will also consider the visual impact of the illustrations to support the events in the story.

The children will use the context of the book to develop their knowledge of grammar and punctuation. They will use their new learning in a variety of weekly writing exercises based on themes and ideas developed from the book.

Reading

Reading is an essential life skill and is a source of inspiration for your child's writing. It is therefore expected that your child will read at least three times a week. Reading records will be checked daily.



Music

Mrs Tomlinson, will be teaching music to your child each Thursday. They will learn songs and gain experience with percussion instruments.

French

Madame Woodcock will continue to provide weekly French lessons that will broaden their knowledge of the spoken and written French language.

Additional Information

PE kits must be in school at all times. Children are welcome to bring a dark coloured tracksuit and trainers for outdoor lessons.

Year 4 will be going swimming every Wednesday afternoon, it is therefore essential that all pupils need their swimming costume and towel on this day. Children with long hair are advised to have their hair tied and wear a swimming cap. Goggles can only be worn if a form is completed at the office.

Learning Challenge Curriculum



Our Learning Challenge Curriculum includes: history, geography, art and technology. In Year 4, we will be exploring the question 'What was special about Harriet Tubman?'

This history based investigation will explore the impact of slavery in the USA during the nineteenth century. During the topic the children will learn about the development of slavery and the conditions that slaves had to endure.

They will learn of Harriet Tubman's role in the Underground Railroad, and the eventual ending of slavery in America. The children will consider the legacy of slavery in present day America.

Vocabulary

Each afternoon lesson will begin by introducing a new key word linked to slavery. Words are split into three sections.

Anchor Words - These are words the children should already have knowledge of.

Goldilocks Words - These are words which will be taught over the half term.

Step Words - These are words which will rarely be used unless discussing the topic.

This is not an exhaustive list and will be added to as the children progress through the topic.



event
timeline
escape
freedom

responsibility
chronology
conditions
quilt
voyage
code
conductor
figure



passage
liberty
privilege



This year will be a busy and exciting time for you and your child. There will be many different and exciting learning opportunities. We thank you for your continued support in your child's learning and we look forward to working with you over the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to pop in and see us.

Miss Atkin and Mr Farrar