

Year 4 Curriculum

Newsletter

SPRING 2018

Well done to everyone for a fantastic Spring term. The Christmas concert was a great success. The children worked so hard and it really paid off. A big 'Thank You' to all trip helpers and all parents and carers for your continued support.

All of the work we are going to do has been planned to help your child reach their learning goals. Children will complete activities in a variety of ways, including reading, researching, writing, illustrating and creating, as well working on their own, with partners and in groups. We are looking forward to a fun and interesting term!

Term Topic

Our current topic for this term is **Operation Pied Piper**; a unit of work focusing on a significant event, the Second World War. We will be finding out about evacuations for civilians in Britain during the war, The Blitz, and the Battle of Britain. Much of the children's learning across the curriculum will be linked to the topic.



English

In English, we will cover a range of text types this term including story writing, formal letter writing and description. Our core text will be **'The lion, the witch and the wardrobe'** by C.S Lewis. The children will be expected to demonstrate their understanding of the grammar focus for the week in their writing.

In **grammar** we will look at:

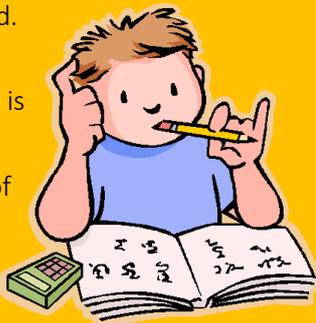
- Tenses- past, present and future
- Commas used in lists and occasionally to mark clauses. accurately Conjunctions
- Apostrophes to mark plural possession
- Noun phrases



Maths

In Maths, not only will we continue to consolidate our written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division throughout the term, but we will delve deeper into understanding more about fractions, decimals, time and money. Practising instant recall of times tables and division facts are all very useful ways to support your child.

Practicing telling the time at home is another key skill that will also be of great benefit.



Geography & History

In **Geography** we will focusing on locational knowledge. We will be looking at locating world countries, major cities and human characteristics. This half term in **History**, we will be focusing on World War 2 (please see above for more information).

Home Learning

In Year 4 we continue to set two home learning tasks each Friday, normally due in on the following Wednesday. We know that pupils sometimes have questions or queries about tasks and so we offer them the chance to speak to their teachers about them on Monday. This should allow them the weekend to attempt the activity and several evenings following to act on the teacher's advice. If they are still unable to complete the task, please speak to the class teacher. We also set interactive online maths homework on **My Maths**, which consolidates learning that has been taught during that week.



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Computing

In **Computing**, children will be learning about computer networks, including the internet and emailing. In this topic, the children will gain a deeper understanding of what the internet can provide, and to be able to send an email independently.



French

The children will be continuing to learn French this term. Please ask them about what they are learning and encourage them to share it with you at home.

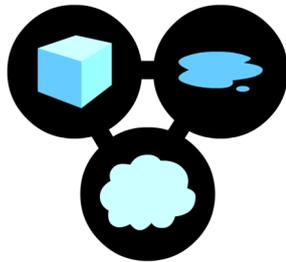
BONJOUR!
HELLO!

SRE

In SRE, children will be learning about changes. This theme aims to equip children with an understanding of different types of change, positive and negative. It also seeks to develop children's ability to understand and manage their feelings associated with change.

Science

In Science, we will further explore states of matter. We will be observing how materials change when they are heated or cooled down, and identify the part played by condensation and evaporation in the water cycle.



Diary Dates

12 February	Half Term Holiday
19 February	Return to School
20—21 February	Parent / Carer Consultation Evening (by appointment)
30 March	Spring (Easter) Holiday
16 April	Return to School



Every Day Counts

Well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance last term:

4W — Kunal Ahgun, Mudabbir Bari, Debotri Basumatary, Keya Bhadresa, Mohan Bhuiyan, Rohan Jeer, Arav Jongali, Thusinthan Kishokumar, Naiya Pitrola, Tasriha Rob, Praveen Sakthivel, Pariyansha Singh, Huzaiga Sohail, Ashvini Uthayakumar

4T — Amaara Adams, Mehreen Ahmed, Jack Chapman, Eliza Kauser, Tasniah Kazi, Nijhum, Illamparithi Painthamilpandian, Emanuela Paladi

4P — Adam Abedi, Aasiyah Ali, Ellis Cundy, Mubarak Hussein, Aleksandra Ivanova, Patrick Malonda, Moiz Pervez, Eshal Zaidi

These children were all presented with certificates and stickers in assembly.

DB Primary

Don't forget to log onto DB primary. This is a safe and friendly online environment designed to engage and educate. Here you can access a range of useful activities and online games.

Uniform

It is great to see pupils looking smart in their uniforms. Please help to maintain this by ensuring that your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform, especially footwear.

Art

In Art, we will be creating dreamlike pictures, using texts (The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe), photographs and artist's work as a stimulus for ideas.

