



Curriculum Newsletter











Year 4 Spring 2024

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This is a summary of the learning programme for your child this term:

	English	In English lessons, we will be exploring a range of texts linked to our 'Mighty Midlands' topic. These texts will be used to model writing and extend skills in grammar, vocabulary and spelling. In Year 4, we will continue to develop your child's fluency in reading and their comprehension skills. Children will take part in weekly guided reading sessions, focussing on the key skills they need to progress.
	Maths	In maths lessons, we will be continuing our work on multiplication and division, using our knowledge of tables facts to help multiply and divide using formal written methods, and later in the term in our work on fractions and decimals. We will also be covering length and perimeter in our measurement topic this term. The learning will be supported with lots of practical equipment and opportunities to apply skills to problem solving and reasoning. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables at home using the TT Rock Stars and URBrainy websites in preparation for the Multiplication Check at the end of the year.
	Topic	During our Mighty Midlands topic, children will learn about the Industrial Revolution and how this changed Britain, the Midlands and the world for ever. We will also look at the Victorians and the technological advancements made during this time, with a focus on local history. Our Geography, Art and DT will also be linked to this topic.
	Science	Our science topic this term is States of Matter, where children will explore the relationship between solids, liquids and gases. Children will group materials together according to their properties and observe how materials change in state.
	Religious Education	In RE, the children will study the Christian Bible in detail looking at both the Old and New Testament. They will have the opportunity to learn more about prayer within different religions from their local area.
	Music	Children will have the exciting opportunity to learn to play the flute during whole class instrumental lessons every Tuesday, with Miss Accili, a musical expert from Dudley Performing Arts.
	PSHRE	In PSHRE, the children will learn about an issue connected to the wider world - money! They will also look at how they belong to a community. Our school values this term are Kindness and Happiness.
	Computing	The children will continue to develop their computer programming skills using Espresso. In addition to this, they will use the internet to research other curriculum areas. Conducting safe searches on-line and learning how to change privacy settings will be the E-safety focus this term.
	PE	PE will take place every Monday and Thursday. During the first half term the children will be developing their gymnastic and teamwork skills. After half term, they will focus on improving the skills needed to play tennis and cricket.
	Modern Foreign Languages	"My Town" and "Describing People" are the topics that we will cover in French this term. Children will work on improving their understanding of both the spoken and written language as well as developing their pronunciation skills.

Important Dates: