



Curriculum Guide – Year 4

Summer 2, 2023

Here is a short summary of the curriculum your child will be following this half term.

Reading	In reading lessons, we will be reading <i>Journey to Jo'burg</i> by Beverley Naidoo. This is an historical novel about life in South Africa under the rules of apartheid in the 1980s. Every Friday we will be reading a different book. The first one is <i>Tales of Ancient Egypt – Gods and Pharaohs</i> , and the second is <i>Animal Journeys</i> by Chris Packham. We will be improving our reading fluency and practising the comprehension skills of finding the main idea and important facts, drawing conclusions and relating background knowledge.	
Writing	In the first three weeks, we will be learning about the history of immigration from the Indian sub-continent to Bradford in the twentieth century, including some of its causes and effects. We believe that this is an important part of many of our children's heritage, and we are sure that they will be enthusiastic about using many of the year four skills to write a report to retell some of this history. In the second half of the term, children will write a diary entry from the point of view of Naledi, the central character from <i>Journey to Jo'burg</i> .	
Mathematics	<p>We will be focusing on shape in this half term. We will be learning about identifying angles, comparing angles, triangles, quadrilaterals and lines of symmetry.</p> <p>We will also be practicing a range of number fluency skills around addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. These skills will involve some of the more</p>	<p>Learn By Heart Targets:</p> <p>I can recall all multiplication and division facts from all the times tables up to 12.</p> <p>I can recall fractions, decimals and amounts of money.</p>
Creative Curriculum	<p>Our topic this half term is carrying on from last term. It is called "Ancient Civilisations" and is history based. This project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation.</p> <p>Our design and technology project will be to design and make a night light to go in a child's bedroom.</p>	
Physical Education	In P.E. this half term, Children in year 4 will be further developing their hand – eye coordination, game-playing tactics and sending and receiving skills through tennis. In addition, children will be participating in athletics and fitness activities to strengthen their knowledge of team participation. This in turn, will increase their understanding of using different techniques for speed and distance as well as building stamina and fitness levels.	

You can help children with their homework by:

- Sharing a book with your child each day. Ten minutes of reading every day significantly improves life chances for all children.
- Helping your child with their spellings, learn by heart target and multiplication tables. Children are encouraged to play Times Table Rock Stars and The Spelling Shed at home if they can.
- Speaking to your child about their work and day at school.
- Checking and signing their diary each week.