



Year 4 Autumn Term 2021



English:

The first week of the Autumn term, we will be using the transition text 'Demon Dentist' to write a narrative. We will then be reading Aquilla by Andrew Norris. We will use this text to base our writing around. We will be writing a range of genres including diary entries, descriptions, news reports, persuasive writing and poetry.

During the second half of the term, we will be studying 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. For Grammar lessons, we will be concentrating on subordinate clauses, adverbial phrases, the perfect form and past and present tense.

We will also focus on handwriting and spelling key words from the year 3/4 word list. We ask that you help your child with learning their spellings each week.

Creative Curriculum:

This term we will be concentrating on 'I am Warrior' and 'Misty Mountain Sierra'. The first half of the term will be history based, looking at the Roman Empire. We will be looking at main historical leaders, including Julius Caesar and Boudicca. We will look at the life of a Roman Centurion and how they trained for battle. We will also look at the life of a Gladiator and the lives of everyday people, including what they ate, wore and the houses they lived in. We will link this to lots of art and DT including mosaics, shields and chariots.

For our second topic, we will be studying mountains. We will look at how different mountains are formed, where the most famous mountain ranges are and who has conquered them. We will look at the features of a mountain and what wildlife can be found there. For DT, we will make our own papier mache mountains, and we will be recreating Georgia O'Keefe's famous landscape paintings for our art sessions.

Maths:

Throughout the term, we will be following the 'White Rose' maths scheme and 'Power maths' The schemes will include:

Place Value and Addition and Subtraction

Measurement: Length and Perimeter

Number: Multiplication and Division

Please encourage your children to practise their times tables up to 12x12 and corresponding division facts.

Science:

To link with our topic lessons, we will be studying animals including humans and living things in their habitats (to include mountain habitats). We will be studying the human digestive system and the function of the teeth. We will then look at living things, classifying animal groups and sorting them into vertebrates and invertebrates. We will then look at what animals live in mountainous regions and how they have adapted to the environment.

Computing:

This term the children will be looking at digital programming. We will be using Scratch to create our own programme linked to the Romans topic. We will plan a script linked to our project, use the basic features of Scratch and create a short presentation in the form of a conversation. We will share our work with each other and assess and evaluate our work.

British Values/PSHE/RE

Our first few lessons will be looking at democracy and this will be linked to our student council elections.

In RE, will look at the life of Jesus and how he has influenced people both during his life and after his death.

In PHSE, we will be looking at family and friendships. We will think about what makes a good friend and how to deal with falling out. We will also look at how to be safe online.

PE:

Outdoor PE will be on **Wednesday** afternoons.

Indoor PE will be on **Thursday** Afternoons.

Please ensure that children have the correct PE kit. This can be worn to school on the days above.

Dates for your diary:

2nd September - Inset day

3rd September - Welcome back (non-uniform)

13th/14th October - Parent consultations

15th October - INSET day

22nd October - Term ends