



# Year 4 News



## Autumn 1

### A message from Miss Lawrence

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and your children are refreshed and ready for the new year. I am very excited about teaching you. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to over the coming weeks.

### Staff

Miss Lawrence  
Mrs Humphries  
Mrs Moreton

### Homework

Homework will consist of no more than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours per week and will be given out each Friday to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. Children will be asked to complete Literacy or Numeracy homework and to learn weekly spellings. Please come and ask if you have any concerns

### Reminders

Please bring your water bottle, planner and reading book every day and remember we are a nut free school.

### Birthdays

#### September

Thomas, Yildiz, Jasper, Logan

#### October

Halima, Jonathon, Sam, Isabelle

### PE

In Year 4 our PE lessons will be on

**Wednesday and Thursday.** Please remember to take out earrings and remember to bring PE kits. As the weather gets colder please make sure an outdoor PE kit is in school too.

### Dates to remember

Tuesday 19th September—Trip to Severn Valley

3rd and 4th October- parents' evening

Thursday 5th October-Harvest service

Thursday 26th October—Praise assembly

## English

This term, the children will read 'The unicorn who walks alone' and a range of Non-Chronological reports. They will focus on:

Using a range of conjunctions

Identifying and using fronted adverbials for when and where (At noon, Suddenly)

## Maths

The children will focus this term on Learning to read, write, order and partition numbers to at least 1 000.

Finding 10, 100 or 1000 more than a given number.

Learning to round numbers to 10 and 100.

Developing written methods of addition and subtraction.

## Science—Animals and humans

The children will be learning about living things and organisms. They will learn how to group different animals according to their features. During the topic the children will explore food chains, sequencing different food chains and learn about what animals eat. They will also learn how to use and make their own keys.

## RE—What kind of world would Jesus want?

This half term the children will answer the big question, 'What kind of world would Jesus want?' The children will read a range of Biblical texts and discuss the meaning of different parables. Here they will also consider how stories can have different interpretations. They will focus on links between bible texts and the Gospel.

## PE

**Fitness:** The children will explore their understanding as well their physical fitness in this unit. They will develop their sprinting technique, co-ordination, agility, balance and stamina through a range of exercises and games.

**Netball:** The children will develop their throwing and ball handling skills, learn footwork rules. During exercises and games, they will also develop their role as a defender and attacker.

## Topic—Rivers

This term the children will learn how rivers are formed. They will learn how rivers erode, transport and deposit materials producing particular landscape features. Children will learn about the sequence of the water cycle, including evaporation and condensation.

## Computing

The children will discuss internet safety and its importance. They will learn what information can be safely shared, how to treat others online and what action to take if they are worried. They will also learn the components of a desktop computer.

## Music—

### Musical Structures

In this unit, the children will consider how music brings us together. They will listen to and appraise a range of music. They will develop their composition skills through improvisation and recording using graphic and notational scores.

## Art—Seurat

The children will study the work of Seurat. They will explore colour mixing and experiment with a variety of tools to create the pointillism effect. They will investigate using contrasting colours to produce the effect of light and shadow. The children will sketch local landscapes and apply the skills they have learnt to create a picture in the style of Seurat.

## French—Numbers to 20

This term the children will review numbers 1-10 and learn numbers 11-20. They will learn to read and write the numbers as well as develop their understanding of spoken numbers. The children gain a knowledge of Euros and their recognise numbers and prices in French script.