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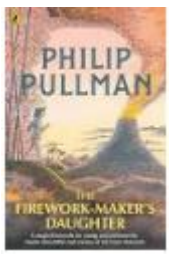
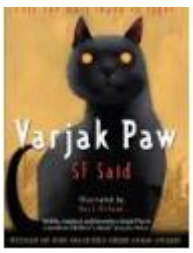
Year 4 Newsletter
Autumn

English

Reading is as important to us as ever. Children will be asked to read every night at home and have their diary signed but they must have their reading book in school every day. This is so that staff can continue to read with your child with parents and staff working together. Reading will be rewarded and there will be incentives throughout.

We will study a range of texts that relate to our wider curriculum and complete writing tasks based on the books we read in class. We will study the texts closely using the P.I.C.C approach. This year, we continue to place a great emphasis on key non-negotiables for writing in both English across the curriculum. We will be learning lots of new and interesting words and applying them to our writing in the correct context. Our texts this term will include: The Firework Maker's daughter, Varjak Paw and The Boy Who Fell into a Book.





Maths

Over the year, we will cover a large range of topics following the White Rose scheme of work. As ever, there will be a huge focus on arithmetic, times tables and the learning and retention of basic skills. Alongside fluency of skills, we will continue to apply those skills to reasoning and problem solving activities. Children will have the opportunity to take part in practical Maths lessons with additional support taking place in small groups and 1:1 where needed.

This term we will be studying place value and applying this knowledge when carrying out addition and subtraction.

History

This term our History topic will be: Ancient Civilisation. This term, Year 4 will focus on the Shang Dynasty in China and the Maya civilisation in Mexico and Guatemala. They will learn about the Shang's powerful kings, impressive cities such as Anyang, strict social hierarchy, advanced writing system, outstanding jade and bronze art and their eventual fall. They will also study the Maya's, including their achievements in writing, mathematics, astronomy, farming, trade, and architecture and the reasons for their decline. Pupils will compare the societies and traditions of these two great civilisations, explore their use of resources such as maize and chocolate, and discover how archaeological finds and ancient artefacts reveal their fascinating histories.

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Wider Curriculum

In **Science,** our first topic will be 'States of matter (solid, liquid, gas).
In **RE**, we follow an enquiry based approach. Children will focus on key questions and investigate. This term, the questions we will investigate are: How do Hindus show their Faith within families? How do Hindus show their tradition within Faith communities? How do Hindus celebrate Diwali?

Children will study **Music** with Mr. Lovatt-Cooper. The children will also study **French** with Mrs Fletcher. In Year 4, children will attend swimming lessons every Thursday as part of their **PE** programme, helping them to develop confidence, skills, and water safety awareness. **PSHE** will also be taught to ensure children are ready and equipped with the social and emotional skills to learn, feel safe and develop resilience. Our topics this term will be: being me in my world. In **Art,** the children will explore 3D art and sculpture, taking inspiration from artists such as Barbara Hepworth and Sokari Douglas Camp**.** The children will explore 3D art and sculpture in exciting and creative ways. They will experiment with drawing techniques and using familiar shapes to create simple 3D designs.

Homework

Reading books will be changed when necessary and they will be sent home every night. If children don't read at home they will be given chance to catch up with this during the school day, during unstructured times. Those children that are on Free Readers can change their book whenever they would like. In addition, children will have access to the whole school library once a week where they can choose an additional book of their choice. Children will also be set spelling homework weekly and encouraged to practice timestables.

PE kit

Swimming will be on Thursday and PE will be on a Friday. For Swimming, children need – a swimming costume or swimming shorts, swimming cap (for long hair), they will need to bring their own towel. For PE, children need – black t-shirt, black shorts, black pumps/trainers.

If you need any further information or want to know how your child is getting on in school, please do not hesitate to contact the office who will arrange a telephone conversation with myself.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Stafford