

Y4 Autumn Newsletter

Hand in hand with Jesus Christ we live, love and learn together

Dates for your diary

Please note: these dates are subject to change

5th September- School starts

12th September- Swimming starts (4R)

14th September- Year 4 Welcome meeting (8:30)

7th September- Forest Schools starts

17th & 19th October- Parents' Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

23rd October- Half term

6th November - School starts

7th November- Swimming starts (4C)

10th November- Remembrance liturgy

24th November- Frost fayre (2pm)

4th December- Year 4 Advent Celebration (6pm)

19th December- 4C Carols around the tree/ Christmas jumper day (2:15pm)

20th December- 4R Carols around the tree/ Christmas jumper day (2:15pm)

22nd Dec- 3rd Jan- Christmas holidays

4th January—Children return to school

Dear children and parents,

Welcome back to everyone! The year has started begun bursting with work and we can't wait to see what the children are capable of.

This term our over-arching theme is 'How do we take care of our world?' We will focus on Geography and Science topics as part of the wider curriculum to link in with this theme.

During this term, we will also taking part in Forest Schools. This provides the children with an opportunity to explore the outdoors and build up their confidence resilience and independence.

As ever, we are here to work alongside you and the children. Supporting us with this are our wonderful TAs: Mrs Cheung, Mrs Barratt and Mrs Leung.

Many thanks,

Miss Ciach (4C) and Mrs Richmond (4R)

RE

We start our RE curriculum looking at how our families play an important part in helping us grow and achieve. We will look at the family tree of Jesus and explore the stories of those who had a great influence on Jesus' life. We will then explore the way in which Jesus called his disciples to follow him and how we can be called today by God to follow our vocational calling.

Entering into Advent, we study the gift of God's love and Jesus. The children will also be involved in the Year 4 Advent celebration where they will bring alive the journey we take through Advent, using Gospel readings, song and dance.

PE

PE will be on a **Thursday morning with Premier Sports**. Please ensure the children have both indoor and outdoor PE kit at all times. Children with ear piercings need to have their earrings out or cover them with plasters when taking part in PE. This is to be done by the children themselves.

Reading

Children will continue to use the Accelerated Reader system. When they have finished their book, they will have the opportunity to complete the comprehension and change their book. Children are expected to read at least 10 books each half term.

Homework

Spellings will be tested on a Friday. Children are expected to read every night and continue to practice all times tables using TTrackstars- there will be a statutory test in June 2024. Homework is set on a Thursday and due in the following Friday.



Maths

In the first term, we will focus on Place Value: recognising 1s, 10s, 100s, 1000s, comparing and ordering 4-digit numbers, rounding to 10, 100 and 1000, and using number lines up to 10000. We will also complete work on Addition and Subtraction using 3 and 4-digit numbers and the formal written method. In the second part of the term, we will begin work on Multiplication and division work which carries through the Spring term. It is extremely important that the children regularly practise their times tables. We will also look at length and perimeter.

Through out the maths lessons, children will be required to practise their skills through calculations and have the opportunity to work with an adult to delve into problem solving and reasoning. Through all areas, basic skills will be embedded through twenty minute maths sessions every day.

Within each new area, we will be revisiting Year 3 maths to secure learning and build upon it.

English

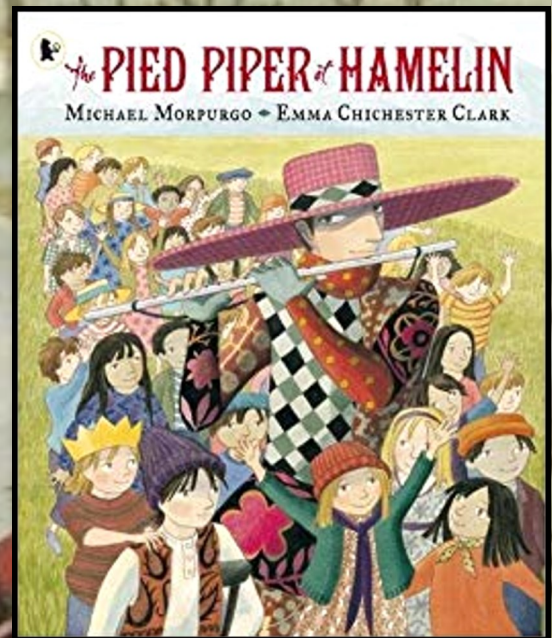
The main focus of this term is to embed the children's understanding of what sentences are and how to build them. We will be encouraging independent writing and teaching focussed grammar techniques and a variety of sentence structures.

Each week, children will complete a piece of independent writing, access a reading comprehension based on the class text, learn about and focus on a key grammar/literary feature and learn how to evaluate and improve writing.

Science

Using 'The Promise' as our focus, we will be looking at living things and the categories they belong to, classification keys, and environmental issues.

From November, we will be investigating sound and how it travels, explore the inner ear and learn how it functions, understand pitch and amplitude and conduct an investigation into sound source distance vs volume.



Geography

In the second half term, we will begin by developing our locational knowledge of global terms. We will use atlases to locate countries in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres as well as using digital maps to plan our journey to Sharphill Woods. Finally, we will use sources of information to compare Hamelin to Eyam.

Art and Design & Technology

During the Autumn term, we will look at using different drawing techniques to capture the environment around us. We will focus on the artists Lowry and Wieringa and learn about their uses of colour to reflect mood.

Computing

The children will be learning skills through our plugged and unplugged curriculum. The children will be following the Kapow programme this year which has been specially catered for primary school children. Through Kapow, they will learn essential online skills through the use of a range of software such as Microsoft Teams, Microsoft PowerPoint and Scratch.

Music

The children will take part in Music sessions with Mrs Pearce who will look at purposes of music and notation. We will also practise and perform songs as part of the Advent celebration.