

Friday 10th January 2025

Year 4 Curriculum for Spring 1

Class: Year 4 - Shah, Jafreen and Shirley's Classes

Shared reading: This half term we are reading Matilda, written by Roald Dahl. Each lesson we look at new vocabulary, read several pages of the book together as a class and answer comprehension and inference style questions associated with the text.

Writing: This term we will have a focus on different styles of writing in our Literacy and Language lessons. The pupils will study a range of text types including setting descriptions and diary entries, and create their own writing outcomes based on last half term's shared reading book, The Boy at the Back of the Class.

Maths: We shall begin by continuing our work on multiplication and division. We will then move on to learn about data and fractions.

Science: We shall be looking at two different topics this term- Forces and Magnets and Electricity and Energy. We will also be basing some non-fiction writing around some of these topics.

Humanities: This half term we have a focus on Geography, with the topic being Dynamic Earth. Pupils will learn about topics such as UK weather, climate zones and global warming. We will also be basing some non-fiction writing around some of these topics.

Computing: The children will learn to create their own websites with their specialist computing teacher, Paul.

Spanish: We have a specialist language teacher, Cristina Lopez Moreno, who will be teaching Spanish language.

PSHE: Our topic this half term is 'Dreams and Goals' where pupils will discuss what their own goals and dreams are, and the steps they can take to work towards achieving them.

Music: Specialist music teachers (Carys and Lydia) will teach the pupils Music at various times throughout the week.

P.E.: For this half term, PE has slightly changed. **Shirley's class** are now swimming every Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their full swimming kits including hat. All pupils are expected to swim every week unless medically unable.

Shah's class has PE every Friday morning in school. Pupils are reminded that they can come into school in their PE kits, but must bring their uniform to change back into.

Jafreen's class now has PE in school on a Wednesday morning. Pupils are reminded that they can come into school in their PE kits, but must bring their uniform to change back into.

Homework: Homework will be given online via google classroom every Friday and is expected to be returned by the following Wednesday. If your child needs support with their homework from their teacher, they can bring their homework to show them Monday-Wednesday. Please remind pupils to use their homework books to complete homework if you are unable to submit online.

Pupils **must read everyday for a minimum of 15 minutes** with a signature from an adult in their Reading Record.

Reading Plus: Children will be completing one hour per week of Reading Plus. This is an online resource which helps to monitor and challenge children to develop their reading and vocabulary skills.