

Over the next term, Year 4 will be studying a range of topics which will be taught through focus weeks.

History: In history lessons, we'll be finding out about the **Saxons**. We will focus on historical research skills and find out what it was like to live in Saxon Britain. Encourage your child to research this exciting era and put your local library to good use! A super introductory video can be found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm>

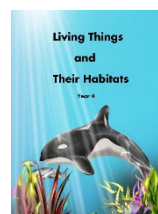
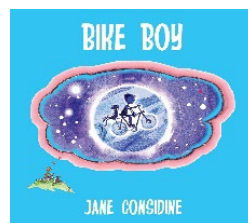
Geography: Our topic this term will be **'Passports Please'**. During this topic children will be learning about European geography. Children will identify and compare physical and human features of countries in Eastern Europe. Why not use Google Earth <https://earth.google.com/web/> to help your child to explore and identify European countries together.

DT: Our DT topic focusses on **switches and circuits** and how they are produced and used in much of the technology we use at home. We will look at different ways to use a simple circuit and a switch to create a nightlight we have designed. Can you look for toys and gadgets / lamps or nightlights that have switches and circuits at home?

Science: The topics covered in science this term will be: **Living Things and their Habitats**. How many examples of habitats can you think of? Can you find any examples at home or in your garden? Maybe you could research your favourite animal and find out about its habitat / home. We will also be classifying animals and plants. A great introduction can be found here: [What is classification? - BBC Bitesize](#)

RE: Children will be learning about **commitment** where they will learn about prayer and worship across a range of faiths and religions. Do you know someone who attends a place of worship? Maybe you could ask them about their experiences.

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Mathematics: This term children will be learning a range of skills around number, + - x ÷, geometry, and statistics. There will be a particular focus on times tables, problem solving, reasoning and formal written calculations. At home ask your child to recite their multiplication facts up to 12x and consolidate their learning of this by using Times Table Rockstars. You can also take a look at the following link for help with roman numerals:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgG3iyVIUZg> . Or for help with negative numbers visit: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zxthnbk> .

Writing: This term we will be using the book **'Bike Boy'** by Jane Considine to develop our skills as story writers. We will also be composing non-fiction pieces such as explanation texts, postcards and persuasive letters. We will be focusing on a range of punctuation, spelling and vocabulary skills. It will be useful to visit this website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhrd2p> to help your child with spellings, homophones, prefixes, suffixes and punctuation.

PE and Swimming: Children will continue to swim every Friday afternoon and PE lessons will take place on Thursdays each week. **Please ensure the correct kit is in school for these days. If kit is not in school, then we will provide a kit for your child. Can parents please ensure that jogging bottoms are plain black.** Long hair should be tied back. Remember bangles, bracelets and rings should not be worn in school. ALL jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

Music: Children will be learning to read musical notation, sing, play the recorder and perform as part of a group. Our class composer is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Listen to some of his compositions at the following link: [The Best of Mozart - YouTube](#)

PSHE: Our focus this term is '**How can our choices make a difference to others and the Environment?**' We will be talking about how our choices and behaviours can affect those around us both positively and negatively. As part of our work in this subject we will also be learning about keeping ourselves safe while we are out and about. Alongside this, we will be raising money for our class charity - The Honeypot Children's Charity. You can find out more about our Class charity by visiting:

https://www.honeypot.org.uk/?gclid=EAlaQobChMI2urRw-3D5AIVwvZRCh30Dgv-EAAYASAAEgLyffD_BwE

Computing: Our topics this term are **Effective Searches** and **Making Music**. Children will use 'Busy Beats' software to create their own compositions. Children will also be reminded of safe internet use. Please ensure that this is reinforced at home if children have access to computers.

Art: In our topic '**Can you 3D it?**' we will be developing our skills in sculpting and modelling. At home, encourage your child to sketch people or objects looking closely at shading, shape and shadows. During our '**Textiles**' topic we will be looking at clothes designed by Vivien Westwood and developing our stitching skills to join materials. Don't forget to learn the facts about your class artist, **Leonardo DaVinci**. These can be found in your Learning Journals.

French: Children will be learning how to talk about the weather and what they do in their spare time.

Homework

Mathematics: Every Friday children will be given maths homework which needs to be handed in by the following **Wednesday**. If your child struggles, they can ask for help in school. In addition to this, National expectations dictate that all children should be secure in rapid mental recall of all times tables by the end of Year 4. Please help your child to practise regularly at home and on the Times Table Rock Stars. The website address is: <https://ttrockstars.com/login>

Reading at Home: We would like reading books, Learning Journals and Knowledge Organisers in school daily. We would expect that your child reads at home daily. Please aim to sign their diaries at least 3 times each week. Remember they don't have to only read books; newspapers, comics, the internet, television guides and games rules are all texts too! It is your child's responsibility to request a reading book change if it is on a day when their diaries are not checked. Reading is an important skill which also enhances children's writing and imagination.

Challenges: The Reading Challenge, Spelling Challenge and Poetry Recitation Challenge also forms part of the children's home learning.

Reading Challenges: Each child will be issued with a challenge pack that contains a book and a set of questions to be completed. Children must record their answers to the questions on the lined paper provided and return the pack to school in good order.

Spelling Challenges: For each spelling challenge there are 25 words to learn. Once children are confident that they can spell all of the words they will be tested in school. When they complete the Challenge, they achieve their badge!

Poetry Challenges: Children will need to learn the poems that can be found in their Learning Journals. They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes and answer questions to demonstrate their understanding of the poem's content, techniques and vocabulary.

Multiplication Challenge: Every two weeks, your child will complete a multiplication challenge in school. A sticker will be awarded for each challenge that is passed. Look out for corrections being sent home to help them achieve as many as they can! When they achieve their platinum challenge, they will receive a badge.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Ghent, Mr Brown, Mrs Williams and Mr Hipkiss