

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 will be finding out about Ancient Greece. We will focus on what life was like for the Ancient Greeks, including their beliefs. Encourage your child to research this exciting era and put your local library to good use! A super introduction can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39/articles/zxytpv4>

Geography: Our topic this term will be 'Northern Italy'.

During this topic, children will be learning about the geography of Italy. Why not use Google Earth

<https://earth.google.com/web/> to help your child to explore and identify regions in France together and begin to understand the following vocabulary: **Urban and Rural**.

Design and Technology: During our DT topic, we will be investigating, researching and making our own shell structures. At home can you find a range of different boxes and structures and investigate what techniques have been used to make them an effective.

Science: The topics covered in science this term will be:

States of Matter and Sound. How many examples of solids, liquids and gases can you find in your home? How might they change? And, what happens before, during and after a big rainfall? A great introduction to states of matter can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=91&v=DE3LCFpP8N8&feature=emb_logo

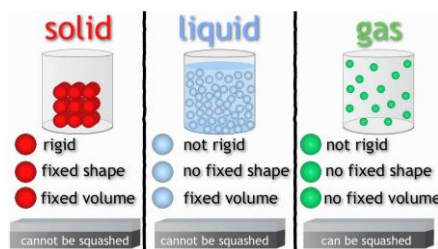
During our **Sound** topic, children will measure sound using equipment, learn how it travels and how it can be changed. You can help your child by talking about our new vocabulary: **vibrations, volume, amplitude and pitch**.

RE: During our topic in RE this term, children will be learning about significant beliefs. You can help your child learn more about this topic by visiting this website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j>

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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 12x12 and consolidate their learning of this by using Times Table Rock Stars. 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> . This link is useful as it covers a range of mathematical topics:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>

English: This term we will be focussing on **Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp** by Philip Pullman and the techniques he uses throughout his writing. We will also 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/zhrdd2p> to help your child with spellings, homophones, prefixes, suffixes and punctuation.

PE: Children will be **swimming on FRIDAY afternoons** so please ensure a swimming kit is in school for this. If it is not, children will be provided with a kit by school. Please help your child to maintain their swimming ability by taking them to your local leisure centre during weekends and school holidays. We will be focusing on netball and volleyball in our PE lessons. Please ensure your child is dressed in full school PE kit every THURSDAY as PE forms a part of the school curriculum. Long hair should be tied back. Bangles, bracelets and rings should not be worn in school. **ALL jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons.**

Music: Through our music lessons, children will be learning to read musical notation, sing and play the glockenspiel. When listening to music at home can you recognise the name of instruments and say how the music makes you feel? Our class composer this term is Antonio Soler, You can hear some of his compositions at the following link:

PSHRE: Our focus this term is **What Strengths and Skills do I Have?** We will be celebrating what makes us special and learning about each other skills and interests. Alongside this, we will be learning about our class charity—*The Honey Pot Children's Charity*. You can find out more about our class charity by visiting: https://www.honeypot.org.uk/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI2urRw-3D5AIVwvZRCh30Dgv-EAAYASAAEgLyffD_BwE

Computing: Our topic this term is **Coding** where we will learn how to programme and debug by writing a set of instructions for the computer to follow. Children will also be reminded of safe internet use. Please ensure that this is reinforced at home if children have access to computers. You can help your child learn more about coding by watching this short video: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zykx6sg>.

Art: In our topic '**Draw it!**' we will be developing ideas in a sketchbook, using different techniques. At home you could encourage your child to sketch people or objects looking closely at shading, shape and shadows. During our '**Painting**' topic we will be looking at landscapes by J.M.W Turner and using water colours to paint our own landscape pictures. Don't forget to learn about your class artist, **Leonardo DaVinci**—he can be found in your Learning Journals.

French: In French, children will be learning numbers up to 60, telling the time, dates, leisure activities and how to describe people. Why not practise numbers in French with your child? Un (1), deux, (2) trois (3)...

Mathematics Homework: Every **Friday** children will be given a mental maths activity to complete at home. This needs to be handed in by the following **Wednesday**. If your child struggles, they can ask for help in school. Please try to encourage your child to hand in homework as early as possible in order for homework to be marked and returned so that children can correct errors and misconceptions can be addressed.

National expectations state that all children should be secure in rapid mental recall of all times tables by the end of Year 4. If your child is still not secure in their times tables and division facts from **x2 to x12**, please help them to practise regularly at home and on the Times Table Rock Stars **website** (<https://trockstars.com/login>). Their log-ins are located in their Learning Journals.

English Homework: The Reading Challenge, Spelling Challenge and Poetry Recitation Challenge forms part of the children's home learning. Children will be given weekly spelling investigations to complete. They may also be issued with additional homework pitched at their individual learning needs.

Reading at Home: We would like reading books and Learning Journals in school every day. 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 enhance children's writing and imagination.

Poetry recital: 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. This helps improve children's skills of speaking clearly and slowly as well as enhancing their imagination and vocabulary range — which improves their writing! Poems can be found in your Learning Journals.

Our class charity is the Black Country Foodbank.



Thank you for your support!

Mrs Ghent, Mr Pritchard and Miss Bell