

Year 4 Curriculum Autumn Term 1 2021

We hope that your child has settled well into their new class and is enjoying the start of the new school year. We thought you would find it useful to have a clear idea about the skills and vocabulary your child will be learning this term. The information below is, of course, only a starting point, and they will learn much more than we have written down!

Key Learning: English and maths

Reading	Writing	Maths
listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction,	discussing similar writing to that they are planning to	Number:
poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or	write, in order to understand and learn from its	count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000
textbooks	structure, vocabulary and grammar	find 1000 more or less than a given number
	discussing and recording ideas.	count backwards through zero to include negative
increasing familiarity with a wide range of books,		numbers
including fairy stories, myths, and legends, and	Draft and write by:	recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit
retelling some of these orally.	composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including	number (thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones)
	dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich	order and compare numbers beyond 1000
checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing	vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence	round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000
their understanding and explaining the meaning of	structures	read Roman numerals to 100 (I to C) and know that
words in context		over time, the numeral system changed to include the
	creating settings, characters, and plot in narratives.	concept of zero and place value.
drawing inferences such as inferring characters'	Evaluate and edit by proofreading for spelling and	
feelings, thoughts, and motives from their actions, and	punctuation errors.	Addition and Subtraction:
justifying inferences with evidence		add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the
		formal written methods of columnar addition and
identifying how language, structure and presentation		subtraction where appropriate
contribute to meaning.		estimate and use inverse operations to check answers
		to a calculation
		solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in
		contexts, deciding which operations and methods to
		use and why

Spellings (these are the spellings the children will be taught in school during this half term)



Parents can support by using these words in context and talking to their children about the meaning.

complete, consider, continue, decide, answer, describe, guide, imagine, interest, knowledge, learn, purpose, remember, thought, difficult, different, important, experience

Whole Class Guided Reading

The Great Chocoplot, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The History of Chocolate, Green Eggs and Ham

Autumn Term Key Vocabulary and Skills

This is a brief overview of some of the vocabulary the children will learn this term. It is the minimum we expect all of the children to know and understand well by Christmas.

Art Drawing – Charles Rennie Mackintosh

Vocabulary	Skills
overlapped - if something occupies the same area as another thing	Use sketchbooks to record observations and use them to review and revisit
continuous - something that continues for a period	Develop control and range of materials to make marks with a wide range of
Intricate – something that has many small parts	drawing implements including charcoal and oil pastels.
geometric - consists of regular shapes or lines	Learn about a great designer.
cross hatch – to shade two or more parallel lines that cross over one another	

RE How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jews

Vocabulary	Skills
Rosh Hashanah – Jewish New Year	Raise questions and suggest answers about whether it is good to
Yom Kippur – day of fasting and praying for forgiveness	remember the past and look forward to the future.
Pesach/Passover - festival to remember the Exodus	Make links with the value of personal reflection, saying sorry,
Ten commandments - 10 rules followed by Jews and Christians,	being forgiven, being grateful, seeking freedom and justice in the
given by God to Moses	world today, including pupils' own lives, and giving good reasons
Shabbat - Judaism's weekly day of rest	for their ideas.



Human and Physical Geography Economic activity including trade links. Distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water

Vocabulary	Skills
Interaction – people communicate or spend time together	Understand the processes that give rise to key human features of the world and
Interdependence – conditions where all things depend on each other	how these are interdependent
Significance – the importance something has and how it will change the situation	
Trade – buying and selling goods and services	
Natural resources – land, forests, energy sources and minerals naturally in a place	
that can be used by people	

History Ancient Greece – a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the Western world

Vocabulary	Skills
Trade	Understand significant aspects of the history of the wider world – the nature of
Imports – buying from another country	ancient civilizations
Currency – money used by a country	
Merchants – someone who buys and sells goods usually in large amounts	Gain and deploy a historically grounded understanding of abstract terms
Coinage – the coins used in a country	
Piracy – robbery at sea usually by pirates	Address historically accurate questions about change, cause, similarity, difference
	and significance
How societies are governed and ruled	
Ruling council – a group of people setting rules	
Democracy - a system where the people choose a system of government by voting	
Citizens – the people of a country	
Slaves – a person who is the property of another person	
Government – a ruling party, usually chosen by the people	

PE Tag Rugby

Vocabulary	Skills
Knock-on – the ball is dropped forward.	Vary skills, actions and ideas and link these in ways that suit the games activity.
Pass – moving the ball from one player to another, backwards.	Uses skills with co-ordination, control and fluency.
Support – being close to a player on your team to receive the pass from them.	
Tag – pulling the band from your opponent.	
Try – touching the ball down over the goal line to score for your team	



Science States of Matter

Vocabulary	Skills
States of matter - Matter makes up our planet and the whole universe. On Earth,	Making decisions, asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific
all matter exists in one of three different states: solid, liquid or gas.	enquiries to answer them.
Matter - Matter makes up our planet and the whole universe. On Earth, all matter	
exists in one of three different states: solid, liquid or gas.	Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative, and fair tests.
Freezing - Freezing is the process of changing a liquid into a solid.	
Solid - Solid is one of the three states of matter on Earth. A solid can hold its	Making systematic and careful observations using notes and simple tables.
shape.	
Liquid - Liquid is one of the three states of matter on Earth. A liquid forms a pool,	Taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment,
flows, or runs but it can't be stretched or squeezed.	including thermometers and data loggers.
Gas - Gas is one of the three states of matter on Earth. A gas can flow, expand, and	
be squeezed.	
Precipitation - Precipitation is rain, sleet, hail and snow, the water droplets which	
fall from the sky.	
Materials - Materials are the matter or substance that objects are made from.	
water cycle - The water cycle is the continuous journey water takes from the sea	
to the sky, to the land and back to the sea.	

RSHE (Relationships Sex and Health Education), 1 Decision and No Outsiders

This half term the children will be using our 1 Decision programme on Keeping and Staying Safe, with a focus on healthy eating, brushing teeth, washing hands and medicines.

Home Learning (begins on Monday 27th September)

We would like the children to focus on reading and maths as part of their home learning this year. They should be reading as often as possible, but at least 3 times a week. This should be independent, shared with an adult or being read to by an adult. Usually, they will be reading their Accelerated Reader book, which they can then quiz on in school, but it may also be reading magazines, comics, instructions or online items.

In maths the children will be expected to complete the online learning set by their teacher. For this half term the children will be using TTRockstars, which they use regularly in class. They should spend 20-30 minutes on this each week.

If you are having problems with any online learning, including access, please contact your child's teacher.