

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so pleased to see the children back and enthusiastic to learn following their Summer holiday break! Below is your child's curriculum overview for this half term. This outlines the key knowledge and skills they will be developing across each subject, as well as the exciting topics and texts they will be exploring. We hope the overview helps you to talk to your child about their learning and, where possible, support and extend this learning at home.

We look forward to another exciting half term of nurturing, thriving and achieving together.

Autumn 1 in Year 4				
English	Maths	Science	RE	Spanish
Inspired by the fearsome Miss Trunchbull from Roald Dahl's <i>Matilda</i> , children will write their own exciting narrative. They will then unleash their imaginations to create a completely original character and bring them to life in a story of their own.	This term's maths will focus on place value, addition and subtraction. Children will become familiar with key mathematical vocabulary, including <i>addend</i> , <i>sum</i> , <i>subtrahend</i> , <i>minuend</i> and <i>difference</i> . They will represent and discuss the value of digits before progressing to column methods to solve calculations.	We will be learning about: - how animals can be sorted into different groups. - how to collect and record information. - solids, liquids and gases (states of matter).	We will be learning about rituals and why they are important in both religious and non-religious life, with a particular focus on the traditions associated with the Jewish festival of Sukkot.	Throughout the term, Year 4 will be learning to say the following in Spanish: - the names of ten vegetables un kilo de... /medio kilo de... quisiera /por favor /gracias connectives (y también)
PE	History	Music	Computing	PSHE
We will be building upon our gymnastics skills from last year, looking at balance, movement and rhythm. We will also be covering a football unit; focussing on passing and shooting.	This term, children will explore the incredible changes that took place during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will discover how humans developed from hunter-gatherers into farmers and how the discovery of metals transformed everyday life.	Exciting times in music this term. Year 4 will be taught to play the Ukulele. - Play with open strings - Play with fret strings - Developing to playing a chord - To play melodies	Through the exciting world of animation, children will explore the techniques used by animators and compare traditional methods with those used in modern animation software.	We are learning about what the word 'Harmony' means and how it can be shown in various aspects of life.

How can I help my child at home?

Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet, that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer.

Useful websites:

<https://trockstars.com/>

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.topmarks.co.uk

Homework

A homework grid will be sent home separately. Please ensure all work is handed in by 19th October.

PD Day

Our PD day is on a Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit with no jewellery. Thank you.

Home Help!

Reading and Book Talk:

The best way to support learning is to read every day at home!

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at home. It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy and enthusiastic readers and hope that children are able to read a variety of genres to broaden their reading experiences. Please don't forget, whenever you read at home your child please sign their home reading card. As well as home-school reading books, anything that children read can count towards entries on the card.

Home Reading Books

Children will bring home a book at their reading level and a book of choice from the school library. Please ensure your child brings these into school daily in their book bag/bag.