

Our Core Values

Confident, resilient, independent, cooperative and kind learners

Year 3 and 4

Spring

The year 3s and 4s have lots of exciting learning coming up this term!

Music

As musicians, we will be focusing on using glockenspiels to compose and play pieces individually and in small groups. We will continue to listen and appraise different pieces of music.



History

As historians we will be learning all about Ancient Greece, society, beliefs, the roles of women, children, slaves and philosophers. We will learn about the Olympic games and democracy and what ideas have impacted the modern world.

Art and Design Technology

As designers we are going to be thinking a lot about nutrition and learning how to adapt and cook a recipe to fit a brief.

In Art we will learn how to take a design from 2D to 3D, use different materials to create larger structures and within those designs explore tone, shadow and recycling, looking at how it can be used artistically.

Personal, Social & Health Education.

As global citizens, we will explore the emotion jealousy, when it arises, how to recognise it and manage it. We will also think about age-appropriate responsibility and what we should be responsible for e.g., coming home on time.



R.E

As global citizens, we will be thinking about what it means to be a Hindu today, in our country and learning more about Hinduism. We will also consider why Jesus is inspiring to Christians.

Our class author in years 3 and 4 is

Matt Haig



English

As readers, we will explore different texts, both fiction and non-fiction and learn a poem by heart. We will focus more on retelling and inferring whilst maintaining our retrieval skills.

Our focus text this term will be about Greek myths to link with our history, we will read various ones and through these we will continue to secure writing essentials such as spelling, spelling rules, the correct punctuation (full stops, capital letters, question marks, exclamation marks, commas and speech marks for directed speech in Y4). We will also look at paragraphing, the use of suffixes and prefixes, new vocabulary, using conjunctions (e.g. 'so', 'if' and 'because') and prepositions.

We will continue to practise spelling and handwriting as a key focus.

Mathematics

As mathematicians, in year 3 we will continue our learning on multiplication and division but also study length and perimeter, fractions, mass and capacity. Year 4 will study the same but instead of mass and capacity will learn about decimals for the first time.

Year 3 will continue work on their 2, 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Year 4 will continue to work on their 3, 6, 9, 11 and 12 times tables. These are crucial number facts and knowledge for your children so please practise at home too.



French



As linguists, we will be doing more work on our phonics and pronunciation of French vocabulary, learning the names of animals and continuing to practise numbers, days of the week, colours and months of the year.

Our Motto

Have the Courage to Succeed



Science

As scientists, we learn about plants, forces and magnets in year 3, thinking about naming the parts of plants and observing growth and variables that affect it. We will pose questions and carry out investigations to explore answers based around forces. In year 4 children will explore different states of matter, how to alter them, what affects them, look at the water cycle and compare and group materials.

P.E – Badminton / Dance

As athletes, we will be thinking about movement through dance and how we can control our bodies and working on sending and receiving through badminton.



Computing

As digital citizens, we will study coding; 'if' statements and repetition. Then we will learn more about understanding basic commands and programming concepts.

Enrichment & special Events:

As ever watch out for emails etc about school events. If your child is attending forest school this half term they will receive a letter soon.

Our local area will go ahead in Spring 2.

Relentless Routines.

PE: All of Y3 and Y4 will have P.E on Thursdays.

Homework: homework will be set on Mondays and focus on spelling and times tables.

Reading: We can't stress the importance of daily reading, irrespective of your child's reading level. Please try to read for 15 minutes every night. Please return the signed reading records on Mondays.

Snacks: Children are allowed to bring a healthy, nut free snack in for playtime, as it is now 10:45 a.m. they may need it more this year!