



BUNBURY ALDERSEY C OF E PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Meet the Teacher
Year 4
Mrs Blackburn
Ms Mitchell

“Let your light shine”
Matthew 5:16

We strive to provide a primary education your child will never forget. Rich with diverse opportunities and experiences set within a Christian context.



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Our Christian values underpin all we do:

- * Our children are happy, caring and empathetic to others
- * Our children learn and develop as moral individuals within the context of Christian values



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As a Rights Respecting School children's rights are also at the centre of our ethos.

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School.

The children learn about their rights through a variety of different activities and about the importance of children's rights in the world through themed days.

At the start of this year, our class completed our class charter.



OUR SCHOOL RULES



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Psalm 106:3

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Developing spirituality: In our PSHE we will be looking at 'The Right to Be Me'. Courageous Advocacy - Jane Goodall

**Fantastic Beasts
Y4
Autumn Term 1**

As musicians we will begin learning how to play our chosen brass instruments and develop our ability to play as part of a group. Our focus will also be on folk music.

As mathematicians we will:

- Develop our understanding of place value, including 4-digit numbers and negative numbers

Our physical education will be taught discretely.

As geographers we will name and locate countries of Europe and look at the human and physical characteristics of those countries. We will explore different environmental regions with a focus on where gorillas live and why.

As scientists we will study the topic of 'States of Matter', we will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases and observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C).

As computer users we will learn how to code and improve our internet safety skills.

In RE we will be exploring the questions - How did/does Jesus change lives? Why do Jewish people believe that the Sabbath/Shabbat is so important?

As linguists we will learn the Spanish language including a selection of the key phonemes to facilitate accurate and authentic pronunciation. We will also learn 10 familiar activities in Spanish and use the negative form building interesting sentences.

As authors we will write:

- narrative fiction through a fantasy story

As readers we will:

- ask questions to improve our understanding of the text
- draw inferences and justify them with evidence from the text
- discuss words and phrases that capture the readers' interest and imagination

'Wow Starter' - monochrome paintings of gorillas using Antony Browne as inspiration.

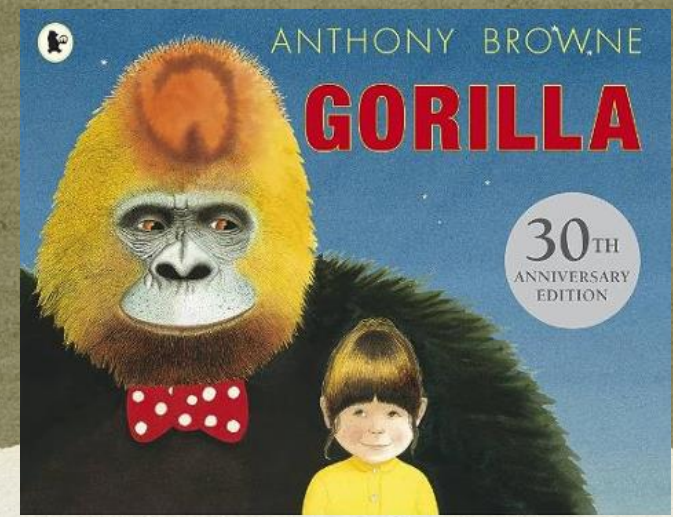
As artists we will use the influence of Antony Browne to create monochrome acrylic paintings of gorillas, experimenting with different effects and textures.

Developing spirituality: Our Christian Value for Autumn term 1 is Generosity.

Developing spirituality: As a 'Rights Respecting' class, we will be focusing on Article 7 - all children have the right to a name and a nationality.

This topic web shows what we will be covering across the curriculum and can also be found on the Year 4 webpage.

Autumn 1: Fantastic Beasts



Our class Autumn 1 topic is based around '**Gorilla**' written by Anthony Browne. This is an award-winning tale about a girl who loves gorilla despite never seeing one. Her father's too busy to take her to the zoo – or for anything else come to that. For her birthday present, Hannah asks her father for a gorilla – but is disappointed when she discovers her new gorilla is just a toy one. However, something extraordinary happens ... the toy turns into a real gorilla.

We'll use this book to inspire our own fantasy fiction story.

HOMework



Reading – daily reading is given a high priority from Reception to Year 6. Children across the school will be expected to read at least 5 times per week. Reading entries will be recorded in a reading diary which all the children have. Each half term, class teachers will also issue a list of recommended reading both fiction and non-fiction linked to the connected curriculum theme.

Spelling – Children will receive a spelling list of age-appropriate high frequency words at the start of each term to learn. You'll see them on the bottom of the weekly spelling list. Using our booklet 'Helping your child to spell' the children need to work on learning around 8 words per week. This will be in addition to spelling patterns from staged spelling groups where words are tested weekly. Children in KS2 will receive these on a Friday and be tested the following Thursday.

MyMaths – Children will receive a weekly online maths task related to learning which has taken place that week in school.

Times tables – Children will receive specific times tables to learn in each year group. Year 2 – 2x, 5x, 10x with an awareness of 3x and 4x, Year 3 – as in year 2 plus 3x, 4x, 8x, Year 4 – all times tables plus an awareness of related division facts, Year 5 and 6 all times tables with related division facts.

Takeaway homework – As part of our inclusive connected curriculum, all classes will be asked to complete a home learning project **once a half term**. These projects, Take away homework, are linked to the class learning theme and children have a choice of which task they wish to complete at home. We believe that these projects are a great opportunity for parents/carers to work alongside their child, enhancing their learning experience. The projects are shared and celebrated with other classes.

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MATHS

MyMaths is an interactive online teaching and homework subscription website for schools that builds pupil engagement and consolidates maths knowledge. It has lessons and tasks to work through which provide step-by-step explanations to break down the lesson content into bite-sized pieces. This will help children to recap a concept and also help you, as parents/carers, to understand the method taught. There are also games to complete.



There are also maths parent guides which have been uploaded onto each year group's class page. This document provides calculation method examples.

READING FOR PLEASURE

Why is reading for pleasure important?

The National Literacy Trust has carried out some research on reading for pleasure. They discovered that reading for pleasure can also support wider literacy skills, general wellbeing, empathy, confidence and an aptitude for learning.

In fact, their 2024 research showed that twice as many children and young people who enjoy reading in their free time had above average reading skills than children who don't enjoy it.

READING AT HOME

Keep it
light and
enjoyable!



A Guide to **Book Chat**

Watch and listen
carefully to follow
their interests

Invite your
child to get
involved

Share your
emotional
responses!

Wonder
and connect
to your lives

Ponder and wonder.

‘That reminds me of when...’.

‘I wonder if/ whether /who/ why/ what ...’.

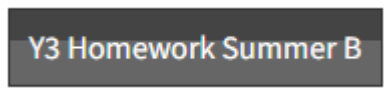
‘How do you think the boy is feeling?’.

Discuss what might happen next.

HOMework

[Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary and Nursery School: Year 3](#)

The link above will take you to the main Year 3 webpage. If you scroll to the bottom of this page, you will find useful documents for Year 3.

At the top of this page (just underneath the photos) there is a tab:  Here, you will find all the documents your child needs to complete their homework.

Alternatively, the link below takes you straight to the 'Homework Summer B' section.
[Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary and Nursery School: Y3 Homework Summer B](#)

PE KITS



- Children need to come to school in their PE kit
- PE is on the following days: Wednesday and Thursday
- PE kit should be named.
- Plain black track suit, black shorts or skirt, green polo shirt and black canvas pumps/trainers in line with the school uniform, PE black hooded sweatshirt
- NO FOOTBALL TOPS or STRIPS please.
- Dark sport trousers may be worn in the colder months

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BRASS LESSONS

As I'm sure you're aware, the children in Year 4 have the chance to learn how to play a brass instrument and we encourage all pupils to embrace this unique opportunity.

- Their brass teacher is Mr Curtin
- Lessons take place each week on Wednesday from 9am-10am
- The children will have the opportunity to bring their instruments home to practice when Mr Curtin feels they are ready – sorry in advance!
- Towards the end of the year, in the summer term, the children will play alongside the amazing Halle Orchestra and hundreds of other primary school children at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. Parents are able to come and watch, and it is a ticketed event. You will be made aware closer to the time when tickets are available to buy.

MULTIPLICATION CHECK

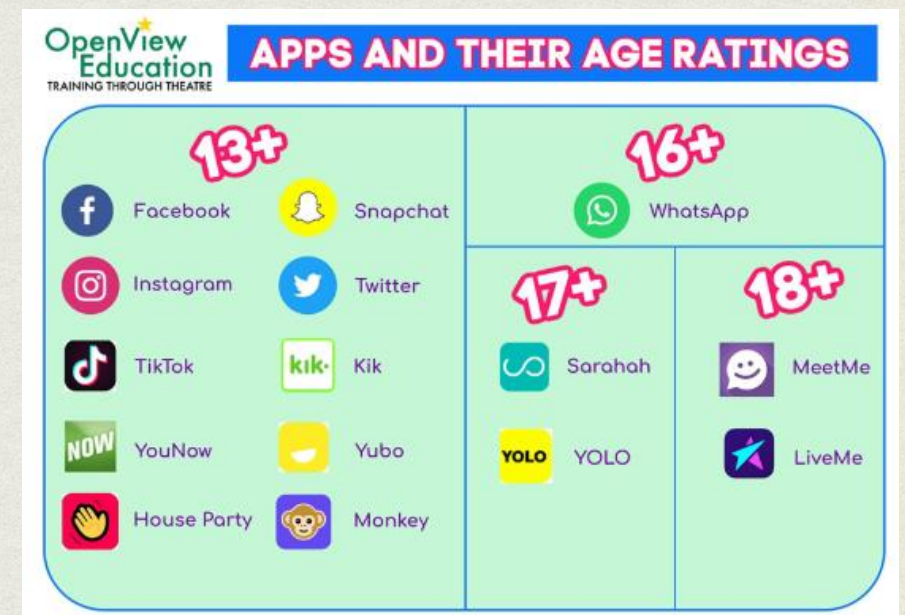
- Year 4 Multiplication tables check will take place nationally **between Monday 2 June and Friday 20 June 2027.**
- The test consists of 25 questions with 6 seconds to answer each question
- The test is administered on an iPad in a similar way to Timetables Rockstars, the children will also have plenty of practice checks before completing the official check.
- The test is administered with the children in a quiet area on a 1:1 or small group basis • There are some access arrangements that can be provided for those that need it – for example: larger font, audible questions and colour contrasting background. We will be doing lots of practice in school, with our weekly times tables.
- There will be further information sent out in the Spring Term.

DIGITAL SAFEGUARDING

Bunbury Aldersey School take internet and technology safety extremely seriously. As a school, we educate both parents and children about the benefits but also the dangers with the online world so that we can all use what is a valuable resource safely and responsibly.

We ask that parents reinforce these messages at home by:

- ensuring children are not on the internet unsupervised
- ensuring children do not have access to internet/devices whilst in bathrooms/bedrooms/closed spaces
- reminding your children about joining chat groups but also the impact of sharing other pupils' information
- checking your child's device for inappropriate apps, messages
- ensuring your child does not post or accesses anything inappropriate or upsetting to others.



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



If there is anything you would like to talk to us about, no matter how small it may seem, please do!

Unless I have a club or other commitment straight after school, I will be on the playground each day at 3.15pm, or please make an appointment through the school office.

Unfortunately, I cannot speak with anyone in the morning unless it is an emergency.

You can email the office on: admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk

Or contact Mrs Badger: principalbunbury@RCSAT.cheshire.sch.uk

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Thank you for your support.

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