

Autumn One in Year 4

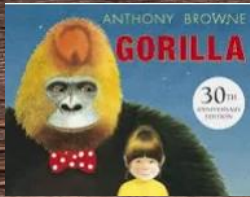


English

This term we will be using the book *Gorilla* by Anthony Browne.

We will explore *Gorilla* by Anthony Browne through reading, drama and discussion before planning, writing, editing and publishing their own animal adventure story, while developing skills in expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, paragraphing, dialogue, character description and narrative structure.

Additionally, we will develop their skills in creating engaging narratives by using descriptive language, varied sentence structures, dialogue, paragraphing and effective story organisation, while planning, editing and evaluating their writing.



We are reading...



Our PE day is **Tuesday**. Children will take part in **Forest School on Tuesday mornings**, so please ensure they have suitable clothing with arms and legs covered, along with a **named pair of wellington boots** to be kept in school. All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled. Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed. Children who are unable to remove their earrings independently will not be able to participate. From **Tuesday 15th September**, children will also begin **swimming lessons at Nantwich Baths on Tuesday afternoons**. Further information will be shared closer to the start date.

Maths

We will be following the Power Maths programme of study, beginning with place value in 4-digit numbers before developing fluency and reasoning skills in addition and subtraction. Additionally, We will begin daily fluency lessons to strengthen recall of number facts and times tables, helping children build confidence and prepare successfully for the Multiplication Tables Check.

Reading

This half term we will be reading *PAWS* by Kate Foster. Children will follow Alex, an autistic boy, as he navigates change, friendship and starting secondary school while preparing his beloved dog Kevin for the PAWS Dog Show, discovering that friendships can be found in unexpected places. We will also look at a variety of alternative texts across the half-term in our reading sessions, including fiction and non-fiction texts. In addition, reading aloud to your child and discussing stories/books develops their range of vocabulary and their love for reading.

Other

Homework will be set on a **Friday** (via Atom Prime) and this is due in on the following **Wednesday**.

We would encourage children to make use of **Times Tables Rockstars** to continue practising key number facts and recall. We are also continuing working hard to learn our 3x, 4x and 8x tables (and the associated division facts) so would love for you to support with this at home.

Any other important communication will be sent home on School Spider. This will include important upcoming dates (such as Wellbeing Wednesday, Big Read and Times Table Rockstars Launch).

