



Holy Rosary

RC Primary School



Year 4 Parent Guide – Autumn Term

A snapshot of what your child will be learning this term

Our Pathways to Write Texts

Autumn 1



Gorilla

by Anthony Browne

Children will explore imagination, feelings, friendship and the natural world through this powerful story.



Writing outcome:

Fiction: write a fantasy story based on *Gorilla*



Greater depth:

Re-tell the story from the animal's viewpoint and include speech

Autumn 2



Greek Myths

by Jean Menzies

Children will explore myths, heroes, quests and adventures from Ancient Greece.



Writing outcome:

Fiction: make a mini-book of their own adventure



Greater depth:

Write from another character's point of view

In English, children will also develop



expanded noun phrases



fronted adverbials



commas after fronted adverbials



sentences with *when, if, because and although*



choosing nouns and pronouns for cohesion



possessive apostrophes with plural nouns

Autumn Curriculum Overview



Science

- Electricity – series circuits, switches, conductors and insulators
- States of matter



Geography

- Study of Europe
- countries, capital cities, rivers and mountains



History

- Ancient Greeks
- their achievements and influence



Art & Design

- Storytelling through drawing



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- ICT and electrical systems



Maths

- place value
- addition and subtraction
- multiplication tables and secure number facts

★ Year 4 maths focus: rapid recall of times tables and number facts.



RE / Personal Development

- faith, respect, responsibility, positive relationships and belonging

How you can help at home



Read regularly and discuss characters, feelings and events

12 × 12

Practise times tables up to 12 × 12

7 14 21

Build quick recall of number bonds, doubles, halves and related facts



Talk about myths, Europe and the wider world



Encourage your child to explain their thinking in full sentences

Our school values

Faith • Love • Joy • Committed • Belong

Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home.





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Page 2: Helping Your Child at Home

Simple weekly ideas, useful links and resources to support learning at home



Year 4 maths focus: practise all times tables to 12×12 and build rapid recall of division facts, number bonds, doubles, halves and complements to 100. This helps children become confident and prepares them for the Multiplication Tables Check.



Our weekly home-learning routine

1



Read together for 10–15 minutes each day

2



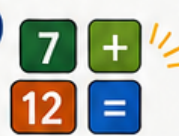
Practise times tables and number facts little and often

3



Encourage your child to explain their ideas in full sentences

4



Use quick-fire maths for number bonds, doubles, halves and related facts

5



Talk about the wider world, myths, science and geography around you

Autumn 1 – Weekly learning and parent activities

Week 1



Learning: Gorilla

Try this at home: Talk about Hannah's feelings and retell the story in your own words.

Week 2



Learning: Fantasy writing

Try this at home: Create a new adventure for Gorilla and orally rehearse a beginning, middle and end.

Week 3



Learning: Electricity

Try this at home: Spot electrical items at home and talk about batteries, switches and safety.

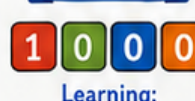
Week 4



Learning: Study of Europe

Try this at home: Find countries and capital cities on a map and talk about rivers and mountains.

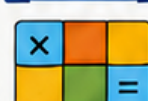
Week 5



Learning: Place value and addition

Try this at home: Make 4-digit numbers, compare them, and practise quick mental addition and subtraction.

Week 6



Learning: Times tables and number facts

Try this at home: Practise tables up to 12×12 , related division facts, and number bonds using quick-fire questions.

Autumn 2 – Weekly learning and parent activities

Week 1



Learning: Greek Myths

Try this at home: Retell a myth and discuss the hero, problem and adventure.

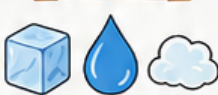
Week 2



Learning: Adventure mini-book writing

Try this at home: Plan a hero, setting and quest, then sketch ideas for a mini-book.

Week 3



Learning: States of matter

Try this at home: Find solids, liquids and gases at home and describe how they are different.

Week 4



Learning: Ancient Greeks

Try this at home: Compare life in Ancient Greece with life today and talk about what was important to the Greeks.

Week 5



Learning: Multiplication and division

Try this at home: Use equal groups, arrays or quick recall games to practise multiplication and division facts.

Week 6



Learning: Secure recall and review

Try this at home: Play a short daily maths quiz using times tables, division facts, doubles, halves and complements to 100.

Useful websites and resources



Oxford Owl
home.oxfordowl.co.uk
free ebooks, reading and spelling help



TT Rock Stars
trockstars.com
times-table practice



Topmarks
topmarks.co.uk
Hit the Button and maths games



BBC Bitesize
bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary
short videos and activities



Nrich
nrich.maths.org
problem solving and reasoning tasks



BookTrust
booktrust.org.uk
book recommendations and reading ideas

Please speak to school if you would like more ideas or extra support at home.

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