



**This half term (Autumn 1)**  
**Year 4 will be learning about the following:**

English	<p>In English we will be reading 'The Endless Sea' by Chi Thai and 'The Misadventures of Mina Mahmood'. We will explore diaries, biographies and character descriptions. We will cover a range of grammar work including verb tenses, powerful verbs, adverbs, spelling strategies, alphabetical order and suffixes.</p> <p>Our targets will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write neatly and space letters appropriately and increase the legibility, consistency and quality of handwriting</li> <li>• To write a diary</li> <li>• To write a biography</li> <li>• To write a character description</li> <li>• Use commas in lists</li> <li>• Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause</li> <li>• Apply spelling patterns taught to written work</li> <li>• Listen to and answer questions about wide range of fiction and non-fiction</li> </ul>
Mathematics	<p>In Maths this term we will be consolidating knowledge and understanding of reading, writing and partitioning numbers. We will work on understanding the place value of each digit in a number. We will further our skills in rounding numbers. We will also work on mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction and use these in problem solving activities. Times tables will be a regular fixture of our maths work, as all children need to be fluent with their tables by the end of Year 4.</p> <p>Our targets will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read, write and partition numbers beyond 1000</li> <li>• Add and subtract mentally and using formal methods</li> <li>• Double and halve 2 digit numbers</li> <li>• Round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000</li> <li>• Recognise and extend number sequences</li> <li>• Understand negative numbers and count back past zero</li> </ul>
Science	<p>This half term in Physics, we will be learning about forces including friction. We will also learn about the relationship between light and seeing, amplitude and electricity. In Biology, we will be looking at the differences and similarities between plants and animals, including how they obtain their food, as well as learning how to group plants and animals based on their characteristics.</p>
Computing	<p>We will be learning about coding this half term in Computing, including creating our own programs.</p>
History	<p>We will be studying 'Ancient Greeks'. We will be learning about Greek architecture and buildings, pastimes of the Ancient Greeks, and also studying artefacts to see what we can learn from them.</p>

Geography	We will be looking at natural disasters with a study of earthquakes and volcanoes. The children will look at the physical causes of these events and the human effects of flooding, eruptions, earthquakes and disasters.
Art	Our focus this half term will be drawing and printing. Children will develop awareness of composition in drawing and combine media to develop a drawing into print.
P.E.	For our outdoor games lessons we will be focusing on invasion games, in particular, netball. The children will develop ball skills as well as tactics when playing in a team. For our indoor PE lessons, we will be doing gymnastics, learning skills to do with arches and bridges.
Music	<b>Body &amp; Tuned percussion: The Rainforest</b> Exploring the rainforest through music whilst being introduced to new musical terms. Using a mixture of body percussion and tuned percussion instruments to create rhythms of the rainforest, layer by layer.
R.E.	Working with Mrs Emery the children will be exploring the question, 'Why do some people think that life is a journey?' They will be look at what happens in ceremonies of commitment in different religions.
P.S.H.R.E. and Citizenship	Our theme this half term is 'New Beginnings'. We will explore the importance of rules, making others feel welcome and valued, strategies for dealing with new situations and managing feelings.
French	In French, we will be learning how to describe people's appearance and character. We will be using this new vocabulary to create sentences, making sure that the adjectives agree with the gender of the noun.

Homework, usually Maths, English and any spelling and multiplication tables will be given out on a Friday to be handed in by the following Wednesday. Please read with your child regularly and record this in their reading record as it is part of their weekly homework. Weekly spelling and times tables tests will take place on a Thursday.

P.E. lessons will be Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has something suitable for all weathers. **Children who have earrings are asked to remove them and leave them at home on P.E. days or remove them and keep them safe themselves at school. If ears have been pierced recently the children are responsible covering their own earrings with tape.**

Please can you also ensure your child has the correct equipment required for school. Your child will need a blue fibre tip pen with spares, pencil, sharpener, ruler and eraser. They also require a named water bottle.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Mrs Simon