

English: This first half term we will be looking at the story of 'The Iron Man' a creating a newspaper report of the story. Going alongside of this we will be reading the story 'Street Child' which coincides with our Victorian topic. We will be creating another newspaper report alongside some letter writing. The spelling, grammar and punctuation programme will run alongside this, with the emphasis on the use of interesting adjectives and the consolidation of punctuation skills learned in Year 3.

Maths:
We will begin with Basic Number and solving simple word problems. Place value to a million, counting in 10s and bonds to 20+.
I am keen for parents to help them tell the time at the home, as well as simple measures.
Early **Mathletics** tasks will help consolidate all these.

Science:

In the first half of term we will be looking at teeth and the differences between humans and other animals. We will then move on to 'Living things in their environment', consider how plants and animals can be grouped, food chains and habitats.

French: This term we will begin by revising some of the language covered in Year 3, including greetings and describing myself and how I am feeling. We will then look at domestic and farm animals before using colours to describe them. Towards the end of term, we will look at a French artist and how Christmas is celebrated in France and Christmas traditions.

PE/Physical

The year will start with some baseline fitness assessments. This will be followed by a half term of Swimming, then Basketball and Badminton.

History:

This term we will be studying the Victorians and learning about what life was like for children in Victorian times. To compliment this, we will be visiting the Victorian school at Great Cressingham for a first-hand experience.

Year 4 Michaelmas Term Curriculum Map

Geography:

This term we will be working on our basic map reading skills; including OS maps. Year 4 will spend a large part of the year studying the 'Human Planet' and will begin with a look at desert and rainforest environments and the people who live there.

RS: This term, pupils will be studying Harvest Festival alongside bible stories and looking at Christian events in the lead up to Christmas. We will be looking at the stories of Moses and the plagues. They will also study Christianity through attending church services at school and assemblies.

Outdoor Education:

In Forest School this term we will be exploring the woods, finding our boundaries, and learning safely in our sessions. Our focus will be on co-operative play and storytelling.

Art:

In Art, children will be getting to know the great Picasso! We will explore his varied work and create our very own 'Weeping Woman' self-portrait. We will be using oil pastels and collage, developing our understanding of different materials.

Music:

This term Year 4 are focusing on exploring rhythmic notation through movement, body percussion and theory. They are also preparing music for the Michaelmas concert.

Design Technology:

Year 4 will begin the year with an electronics project that encompasses a resistant materials aspect with a fascia designed and created from acrylic sheet.