

Curriculum News

Year 4 - Spring 2023



Reminders

- Y4 swimming is Fridays. A full swimming kit (towel, trunks/costume) should be sent to school each Friday in a bag. Swimming hats are provided by school.
- Reading books and records should be in school every day. We ask that children please read with an adult at least three times a week.
- Spellings will go out on a Monday to be practised for a test on Friday.
- Homework will go out at the end of each week. This will be on the school website.
- Children can also complete some extra work on Reading Plus and Lexia for extra team points!
- Children are welcome to complete homework on a Monday breaktime should they have difficulty accessing a device at home.

'Burps, Bottoms and Bile!'

Our topic for this half term

We're on a voyage of discovery to investigate the busy world inside your body. Do you have a toothy grin or a winning smile? Follow a tasty morsel as it makes its way through your digestive system, helped by some mouthwatering saliva. And don't forget the importance of good hygiene at both ends!

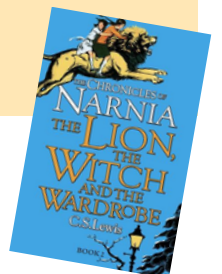
This term, the children will be learning about the digestive system. We will begin with teeth; focusing on the function of our teeth and moving to the importance of keeping them clean. We will also do some fun and messy experiments this term, including making 'poo'!

Our class text

Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy — step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.

The pupils are already enjoying this rich, exciting story. There is no truth in the rumour that this is Ms. Thomas' favourite story from her own childhood... Yes, the book is old... but it is still a brilliant read!

This term, we are reading "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis.



Foundation lessons

- In computing, we are looking forward to the 'Safer Internet Day', Coding and Stop Motion are areas for development this term too.
- We very excited to be swimming! Lessons have gone really well so far.
- The topic for history continues our work on the Romans, exploring the question, 'Why did the Romans march through County Durham?'



Favourite lessons?

"I love maths and I love using TT Rockstars!" Jacob M.

"Science because it is fun finding out new facts!" Taylor B.

"I like English because Mrs. Thomas has some great books." Jamie G.

Article 36 | Children have the right to protection from exploitation.

Best Bits of Year 4?

"Our maths lessons. I think they will really help me get a good job!"

Brooke G.

"Going on different school trips. They're the best!"

Esmee H.

"I would say learning more maths because maths is great!"

Sofia G.



Maths

TT Rockstars continues to be a focus as Y4 prepare for their National Multiplication Check in June.

Thursday 23rd March @2.30pm - Year 4 parent information meeting about the NMC.

Written methods for multiplication and division will also be a huge focus this term, followed by our unit on fractions.

Article 3 | Adults should think about how their decisions affect children.

Foundation lessons

- Our art focus is drawing skills. We are using charcoal pencils to add shading and tone. There are some budding artists in Y4 who have shown much perseverance and talent!
- In RE, Y4 are considering the question: 'What do Christians believe about Jesus?'
- Year 4 continue to learn songs through our online platform 'Charanga' but are also enjoying learning how to read traditional music notation this term.

Things to look forward to!

"I am excited about our school trip to visit the Roman fort because I love history!" Mason I.

"I would say school trips too!" William F.

"I am looking forward to trying to beat Mr. Patterson and the Y5s in a Times Tables Rockstars battle!"

Oscar C.