Year 4 Termly Newsletter

YEAR FOUR
Involved
We join in, take part and get involved in every opportunity

CARR JUNIOR SCHOOL
Aim High, Shine Bright

Welcome back for the start of Autumn 2! From all of us on the Year 4 team, we hope you had a lovely half term. This term, we are excited to be continuing our learning in Geography as we consider our critical questions 'Where does our food come from? Below, you will find an overview of our curriculum and what we will be learning in each subject this term. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher. We would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with your child's learning.

READING

Our class novels this half term will be Asha and the Spirit Bird and we will be exploring the theme of friendship and belonging throughout the half term as we continue to develop our reading fluency and comprehension through lessons and regular reading plus sessions.

WRITING

We will be exploring Winter's Child, written by Angela McAllister & Grahame Baker Smith , using this beautiful story as inspiration to write our own story sequal. We will develop our character and setting descriptions, explore how authors create atmosphere and compare the story with other similar tales. Our aim is to create imaginative stories of our own!

MATHS

Following the White Rose Maths scheme, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. We will develop our calculation strategies, strengthen our understanding of numbers and practise applying our skills to solve problems.

SCIENCE

This half- term we will be learning all about electricity and circuits! We will be exploring how different types of electical circuits work - oncluding making out own. We will also learn about the advantages and disadvantages of different types of electricity and how to stay safe when using it.

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

Our geography topic is "Why are rainforests important to us". We will be learning about different biomes including the Amazon rainforest and exploring the plants, animals and indigenous peopkle that reside in these rainforests. We will also go to a local woodland to collect data on a local area.

ART/DT

Year 4 are exploring painting and mixed media, this will include investigating the use of tone, tint and shade. We will also have plenty of time for art on the lead up to Christmas - including our Christmas craft day!

RE

Our RE unit is "Has Christmas lost its true mesning" to explore this we will be going to The Holy Redeemer church and learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas including creatinf some of our own items that are meaningful to Christians at christmas.

FRENCH

The children will learn French vocabulary for different items of clothing and practise describing what people wear, including colours and where clothes are worn. They will also learn how to express their likes and dislikes about clothing in French.

COMPUTING

This term we are continuing to explore Scratch Programming. We will learn how to use blocks of code to control characters, known as sprites, and create simple programs and animations. We will develop our understanding of sequencing, algorithms and debugging as we make our programs work as intended.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic is Celebrating Difference. We will explore what makes each of us unique, discuss families and friendships and consider how we can promote inclusion. We will learn to show empathy, challenge stereotypes and treat everyone with kindness and respect.

HOMEWORK

To support learning at home, children should read at least three times each week, complete their weekly spelling homework and complete a minimum of five soundcheck games on TT Rockstars to best prepare them for their MTC in June 2027.

MAKING SCHOOL UNMISSABLE

This half term, Year 4 will enjoy a range of exciting experiences beyond the classroom. Firstly, we will be visiting one of our local churches to further explore our topics in RE. Additionally, we will be visiting the pantomime and taking part in activities to mark Remembrance Day, Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need. These experiences will help us develop our understanding of others, celebrate our school values and create special memories together.