

# Year 4 are learning about:



## English

In English, we will be using "Tar Beach" by Faith Ringgold as the inspiration for our lessons. During these lessons, children will have a go at writing their own poems, group information, and write their own playscript.

We have grammar, handwriting and spelling sessions within the week too. In all areas of the curriculum, we will be practising using a legible, joined handwriting style.

In reading, we will be reading "Zombierella" by Joseph Coelho. Within these Whole Class Reading sessions, children will learn many different reading skills to help support their own development.

In Story Time, we will start the year with a short story: 'Mr Gum!'

## Mathematics



In Mathematics, Year 4 will learn about numbers up to 10,000. After learning to partition and round numbers, the children will begin to develop their understanding of number facts and calculations, particularly addition and subtraction. Year 4 will be consolidating their understanding of multiplication facts for 3's, 4's and 8's. They will then be learning 6's, 7's, 9's, 11's and 12's.

Each day, children practice their arithmetic skills during their morning work activities. This is why it is crucial that children arrive at school on time! We will also be playing 'Hit the Button' in preparation for the multiplication check at the end of Year 4. Learning (and practising) times tables at home would really help your child in school! We would appreciate it if you encouraged your child to play 'Hit the Button' as a way of supporting.

## History: The Romans!

This half term in Y4, our history topic is 'Invaders and Settlers - The Romans'. We will learn about how and why the Romans moved to the UK; we will discuss what changes they made and what they did for us; and we will explore from different viewpoints who Boudica was. Finally, we will learn about Roman life in the UK.

## Science: Teeth

This half term Year 4 will study 'Teeth'. We will be learning about the different types of teeth that humans have, how they compare to other animals and what we use them for. We will also learn about the best way to care for our teeth. We will then move on to learning about our digestive system.

## Art: Egdar Degas

In Art this half term, we will be looking at the work of the artist Edgar Degas and his use of pastels to create form and movement within an image. The children will begin to show awareness of representing texture through the choice of marks and lines made as well as experimenting with different grades of pastel. We will plan and create a drawing (using pastels) inspired by Degas' work.

## PE

The children will begin their swimming lessons, learning how to be safe in the water and develop their swimming strokes each **Wednesday**. In the other PE lesson, the children will create a dance based on the book 'Giraffe's Can't Dance.' **A PE kit is needed every day to be left in school.** PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, black joggers, and a black sweatshirt. Trainers should be provided, and these should be different to the shoes your child wears for school.

## Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 4 include:

- musty
- prehistory
- belonging
- baptism
- wisdom

## Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Play 'Hit the Button' for 10 minutes daily.
- ❖ Complete homework, including spelling activities.
- ❖ Take your child for a fun swim.

## RE



In Year 4, our first topic is called 'People'. We will learn about our families and Jesus' family. We will think about how we are all part of God's family. The second topic will be introduced just before half term; we will look at the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

In school, children will continue to plan and deliver liturgical prayer, which will help to improve their confidence and knowledge and understanding of scriptures.

Throughout all of the units, we will explore scripture and think about what it means to us.

## PSHE

In our Mission Circles/Circle Time, we will be exploring the following themes: Welcome, Encounter and Media Literacy, Outreach and Community, Dialogue and the British Value of Democracy, Listen and Friendship and Rosary and Family. The children have a mission each week to live out after they have discussed the topics within their groups.

## Latin

This half term, children will be learning Latin. They will study units titled: 'The best days of your life', 'Romans and Britons' and 'Off to town'. During the lessons, children will learn what the education system was like in Roman times; what life was like for British people before the Romans invaded compared to what life was like under Roman rule and what travel was like at the time. They will also develop their understanding of adjectives, nouns, adverbs and verbs in Latin.