



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We hope you are ready for the Autumn Term after a lovely Summer break. Our new topic in Geography is all about the water cycle! We are planning a trip to see the water cycle in action looking at the River Severn in Stourport later in the year and our residential trip to Astley Burf for Spring Term. As always, we appreciate all of the support you provide at home and look forward to working with you to help your children progress further with their learning.

The Year 4 Team

Class 4H: Mr Harris

Class 4B: Mr Brazier

Other team members: Ms Milne and Mrs Jones

English

Our class reading book will be *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman. We will be focusing on a variety of other texts in reading lessons to develop comprehension skills. In writing lessons, we will be studying a variety of genres including narrative (*Float* by Danial Miyares), non-fiction (persuasive writing – Inviting in an author) and poetry (*Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou). Throughout all lessons and subjects we will be developing our oracy skills, through paired and group discussion whilst increasing our use of vocabulary and grammatically accurate sentences. We will continue to encourage the use of Nelson Handwriting Style and look forward to awarding more handwriting pens. We would appreciate your support at home by encouraging your child to read daily – either home readers or texts of their choice – and record this in their home school planner with your signature.

Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on place value and the four operations. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all times table to 12x12. Please encourage your children to read and tell the time at home at every opportunity using an analogue clock (a clock with hands), compare it to digital times in the 12 hour (am/pm) and 24 hour clocks.

Homework

Daily reading is expected. Your children will have a book to practice their reading skills. We also recommend reading stories to your child for pleasure. This will help develop your child's story voice when hearing adults read. We have a list of recommended reads on our website in '**Our Learning > Year Group Page > Reading**'. Books can be borrowed from the local library free of charge. Children can access Century, TTRS, Numbots and Accelerated Reader online to support with their learning. Some homework may be set on Google Classroom (children will be made aware of this and tasks will be written in their planners).

Science

During this term, we will be learning about states of matter, where we will be investigating solids, liquids and gases. Children will have to opportunity to carry out practical tasks to develop their working scientifically skills such as what effect temperature has on a changing state and do all liquids evaporate?

PE

On Mondays we will go swimming. On PE days, please make sure your child comes to school in the correct Woodside PE kit that follows our uniform policy. Children will have lessons both indoors and outdoors. Please remove all jewellery on these days.

Computing

Throughout the year we teach online safety. This term, children will be learning coding. Children have access to Purple Mash at home via RUnify.

Topic

This term, in Geography, we will be the water cycle. In History we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. In Design Technology we will be studying cooking and making our own soup. In music, developing notation skills. In RE, we will be studying showing commitment and Islam. In PSHE, we will be learning about Relationships – Families and Friendship, Safe Relationships and Respecting Ourselves and Others

For further details of our curriculum content, please visit the school website 'Our Learning' section

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Learning&pid=57>

Family Project

Have a great time over the Summer break with your family creating a project about our new topic
Ancient Egyptians

Tutankhamun's Face Mask

As you can see from the below photos, we would like you to have a go at making your own Tutankhamen's mask, ready for our display in September. Be as creative as your like and present your work in the best way you know.

You will need to include:

- A face mask of Tutankhamen using any materials available
- A brief description of Tutankamun
- Write lots of interesting facts about Ancient Egypt



SUMMER WEEKLY CHALLENGES

Enjoy completing these challenges throughout summer break to help you retain your knowledge in preparation for your new school year.

w/c 31.7.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks Times Table Rock Stars – You will be revising and learning all times tables to 12x12 in year 4.
7.8.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks Times Table Rock Stars – You will be revising and learning all times tables to 12x12 in year 4.
14.8.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks Times Table Rock Stars – You will be revising and learning all times tables to 12x12 in year 4.
21.8.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks Times Table Rock Stars – You will be revising and learning all times tables to 12x12 in year 4.
28.8.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks Times Table Rock Stars – You will be revising and learning all times tables to 12x12 in year 4.



Click on the images above to take you to the Summer Reading Challenge and Recommended Books for Years 3 and 4.

Please sign up to this year's National **Summer Reading Challenge**. There are lots of books freely available at local libraries and online to share with your child or for your child to read to you. They may choose to read independently too. How many books will you share and read during the six weeks holiday?

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#library>

We have 50 recommended reads that have been chosen for your child's age. Some of these stories have been uploaded as videos to our school website for you to share with your child. What will be your child's favourite book?

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Reading&pid=87>

After you have read a book, find the related quizzes on your Accelerated Reader and give it a go. How many word reading miles can you achieve?

