

Home Learning

Home learning this year will be set on a variety of platforms, including:

- Curriculum visions
- CUSP spelling (set on Fridays)
- Times tables

Reading still continues to be the most important element of our home learning. Please aim to read every day with your child

Focus on spellings at home makes a huge difference. Keep the practice short, regular and most importantly, fun!

Look out for the weekly spelling home-work set on Fridays, to earn house points!

Dates for the diary

PE day - Tuesday Please ensure your child comes into school in their school PE kit and adequate footwear.

A reminder that spare trainers are required in school for the **daily mile**.

Term Dates

Harvest Festival Thursday 9th Oct

Open afternoon 15th October

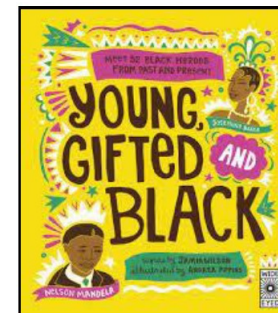
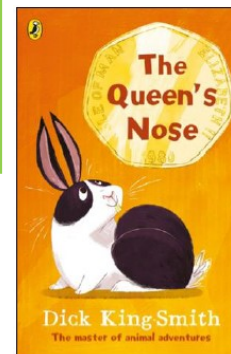
INSET Friday 17th October

Year 3 and 4

Autumn Term 1

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Our class texts



English

Reading: The children will be reading The Queen's Nose and Young, Gifted and Black as our class Cusp texts. Year 3 and 4 children will be developing a range of skills including retrieval, inference, summarising and comparing. They will evaluate author intent and make personal responses to texts. We will use a range of non-fiction and fiction and share a shared story chosen by the class for daily reading.

Writing: The children will write adverts for our persuasive writing and build on their imaginative writing skills through the construction of first person diary entries. We will explore Narrative Poetry and identify features used such as similes and alliteration. Children will be encouraged to give their opinions on a selection of poems and begin to form simple critiques of their own.

Handwriting: We are focusing on making sure that neat handwriting transfers from handwriting type activities into all their work in books.

Mathematics

Year 3 and 4 will be starting the year learning about place value, which includes working with ones, tens, hundreds and, in Year 4, thousands. They will learn how to order, partition, and round. From there, learning will move to addition and subtraction, where the children will learn to add and subtract 1-digit, 2-digit, 3-digit and 4-digit numbers. This will involve exchanging ones, tens and hundreds.

For each mathematical topic, children will use their knowledge and reasoning skills to solve a range of practical problems.

Throughout the year, the children will be counting backwards and forwards in various increments, as well as practising their times tables.

Science We will be studying Living Things and Their Habitats. Children will learn to describe the characteristics of living things. They will define vertebrates and invertebrates. In classification they will use a Key or a set of questions about the characteristic of living things to decide which group a living thing belongs to. They will also explore what happens if the environment in a habitat changes.

RE The children will be exploring the Story of Creation. They will consider how Christians behave if they believe God is the Creator and think about ways to act and work together to look after our beautiful world.

PE This term we are going to be building on the Fundamental skills in PE. Including balancing skills, jumping, running, catching and moving in different ways.

Spanish This term the children will be moving onto the topic of All About School and related vocabulary. Mrs Williams will be teaching them Spanish Grammar converting el/la to un/una.

Music Abba is the inspiration for the term and the children will learn 'Mamma Mia' and play the instrumental parts of the song. They will learn musical vocabulary to appraise and respond to music.



Geography We will be learning about rivers. The children will be able to identify what are the features of a river and find out about local rivers and where they come from and where they flow through.

History Our learning will be themed around The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.

The children will learn what life was like for the Vikings, where they invaded and settled and why they were so feared and successful. They will study what happened to the Vikings in England.

PSHE We will explore Families and Relationships. Year 3 and 4 will be discussing a range of issues, including friendship and bullying, stereotyping gender & age and healthy friendships.

Art Drawing is our focus this term, exploring Still Life and using viewfinders to find a focal point. Children will assemble their own interesting compositions & explore combining materials such as pencil and chalks to create effects in their artwork. We will study the Italian artist, Giorgio Morandi and his compositions.

Computing Our focus this term is 'Computing Systems and Networks' and Connecting Computers. The children will

DT Our first Block is Food and Nutrition and we will be asking the question: What's really in your food? The children will be busy making pizza, bread and soup, building on their culinary skills and techniques and evaluating outcomes.