

Year 4 Autumn Overview

Introduction

During the Autumn Term, Year 4's topic is Rivers and Rainforests. As part of this topic we also look at the watercycle in science. We hope to take a trip into Maldon to look more closely at the River Blackwater too.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term

Half Term 1 is 2.9.25 - 24.10.25
Half Term 2 is 3.11.25 - 19.12.25
23.10.25 - School Disco KS2
21.11.25 - Children in Need
24.11.25 - Report Cards go home
24.11.25 - 25.11.25 Book looks
26/27.11.25 Parent Consultations
28.11.25 Decoration Day
3.12.25 Christmas Dinner Day
4.12.25 Film Night
19.12.25 Santa Day

Spring Term

6.1.26 Return to school
15.1.26 4SK Class Assembly
22.1.26 4N Class Assembly

Homework

In Year 4, children will have times tables and spellings to practice each week. Times tables are a major focus for Year 4 as the children will be completing a national online times tables test in June. For this, they will need to know all their times table at speed. There will be a Mastery homework to complete in the 2nd half of the Autumn Term. Children are encouraged to read 3 times weekly to an adult at home.

Friendship week

Friendship Week will be based on the book 'Can I Build Another Me?' by Shinsuke Yoshitake. We will also be setting our class rules and establishing Year 4 expectations.



Our topics

Geography - Rivers and Rainforests
Science - States of Matter and The Water Cycle
English - Pugs of the Frozen North



English

1st half term focus is sentence punctuation, word classes and grammar.

Spelling - Prefixes and suffixes

2nd half term we read Pugs of the Frozen North and writing stories.



Maths

Place Value of numbers up to 10000.

Comparing, ordering and rounding numbers.

Roman Numerals.

Addition and subtraction column methods.

Multiplication and division of three digit numbers by 1 digit.



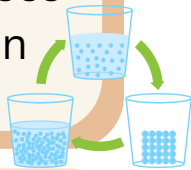
Science

Investigate solids, liquids and gases and explain their properties.

Exploring material that change their state when heated and cooled.

Carrying out fair tests.

The water cycle processes and planning their own investigation.



P.E

Tennis

How to hold a racket and hit the ball accurately. Develop throwing a catching skills. game tactics and strategies.

Gymnastics

Balances, rolls and making sequences. Working in small groups.

Bollywood dance

Key dance movements, moving in time to music and building routines.



R.E

Are all religions equal?
What makes some texts sacred?



Music

Charanga Unit - Playing and singing
Mama Mia



Computing

Touch Typing using Dance Mat Typing.

Understanding computer systems and networks.

Using Logo to create a programme using text based language. Using count controlled loops.
Being safe online.



Geography

Rivers

How rivers are formed and their features. Where rivers can be found and how they are used.

Rainforests

The Amazon Rainforest. Layers of a rainforest, facts, animals and the people who live there.

