



Year 4 –Autumn 1

In Year 4, our learning this half term will see us exploring the text 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and linking our learning to the key theme 'Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds'.

This text provides opportunities for children to learn about a variety of different materials and different personalities. The children will use the text throughout their topic-driven afternoons.

In **literacy** this half term, the children will be; writing a character description, a set of instructions and will finish the half term by writing a diary entry.

Again, we will continue our push to ensure children are spelling, punctuating and presenting to a high standard.

In **maths** this half-term, children will begin to learn about place value. Children will explore the value of each digit in four-digit numbers and will understand how to compare numbers up to 1,000.

In our Topic-driven afternoons we will be:

History

In History, we will use a range of historical sources to identify different types of crime and punishment and its key themes throughout history, including Anglo-Saxon, Tudor and Roman Britain – discovering how it inspired the British justice system today. Children will also compare and contrast between Tudor, Anglo-Saxon and Roman Britain.

Geography

In Geography, the children will learn about what a compass is and what it is used for, before looking at the eight compass points. They will then will be able to name the main four compass points and use them to locate places and locations. Using this knowledge, children will explore the local area using their own maps with symbols.

Science

In Science this half term, we will explore the topic 'animals including humans'. Children will learn about the human body and the role of each part. In addition, we will learn about the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates and the different characteristics of both. Children will carry out a wide range of investigations to discover what living things need to stay healthy.

Art & Design

Based on the understanding we will gain through the Topic work and linking to our canon text, we will be creating a watercolour wash and a moving mechanism.

In Year 4, P.E. is on: Monday (swimming) and Thursday (outdoor P.E.)

Year 3/4: Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

Please ensure your child has appropriate PE clothing on this day.

Important Dates:

14th September 2021- Thackery Medical Museum trip
22nd October 2021- End of Autumn 1.

You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the Topics I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Asking me to apply my maths skills in real life situations (e.g. counting change).
- ✓ Listening to me read every night and asking questions.
- ✓ Supporting me with my homework tasks.
- ✓ Helping me practise my spellings and times-tables.