



Reading

In Year 4 our pupils have daily whole class reading lessons. Over the course of the term the children will read these books within their lessons: The Witches, Howard & The Mummy and The Wild Robot. Within the Autumn term we focus on teaching:

- **Fluency skills** (loudness, punctuation, tone, emphasis, character voice, pace, pitch and contrasting voice).

- **Comprehension** (in-depth retrieval, character inferences and cause and effect inference, compare & contrast, summarising and predicting).

Writing

Unit One:

Stimulus - The Witches

Form - Information text

Purpose - To explain

Key Teaching Points - Tip Top Paragraphing (Time, Place, Topic, Person Speaking); commas; prepositions & determiners; main & subordinate clauses; conjunctions.

Unit Two:

Stimulus - The Witches

Form - Diary entry

Purpose - To express

Key Teaching Points - Word classes; fronted coordinating conjunctions; progressive tense, vocabulary.

Unit Three:

Stimulus - The Egyptian Cinderella

Form - Narrative

Purpose - To express

Key Teaching Points - dialogue: inverted commas; reporting clauses; progressive and past perfect tense.

Maths

In the first half term Year 4 pupils will have a focus on:
counting in 1000s;
representing numbers to 10,000; applying place value to 1000s, 100s, 10, and 1s;
comparing and ordering 4-digit numbers; rounding to 1000;
adding and subtracting two 4-digit numbers within a calculation.

In the second half term pupils will learn about equivalent lengths; adding and subtracting lengths and calculating perimeter.



This information is designed to keep you informed about what your child will be learning about this term.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.





Geography & History Topic: Tomb Raiders

Pupils will learn about: primary & secondary resources; Egyptian Pharaohs & beliefs about the afterlife; the River Nile; Egyptology & tomb excavations; Howard Carter & Tutankhamun.

Science: Biology (Living Things) & Physics - (Sound)

In biology pupils will learn about the impact of environments on living things, as well as using classification keys & identifying teeth. In physics pupils will learn about how sounds are made, pitch and volume.

R.E. & Philosophy

Pupils will begin to learn about philosophy through famous philosophers such as Aristotle and Plato. Pupils will then learn about the impact of historical religious such as; Gandhi, Jesus and Mother Teresa.

P.S.H.E.

Pupils will have a range of lessons based upon: the impact of peer pressure; positive self-image; being assertive; and trusted adults (NSPCC: clever never goes).

Forest School

This term pupils will observe and learn about autumnal changes in Vale Forest; harvest vegetables; create a wormery; make hedgehogs using natural materials; as well as take part in leaf printing.

I.C.T.

Lessons will be based around coding this term as pupils use the app *Kodu*. Pupils will learn to write their own code as they create the details within their own world, including characters.

P.E.

This term there will be a focus on tag rugby, basketball and skating. Pupils will learn the necessary skills within each of these disciplines, as well necessary teamwork skills too.

Performing Arts

Pupils will be learning about drama conventions such as slow motion, split stage and portraying emotion. They will also be devising their own drama piece from a given stimulus and using feedback/critique to edit.

Music

Pupils' learning will focus on reading notations and playing an instrument at the same time, metronomes and learning about metre and timings within music.