



NICHOLAS HAWKSMOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Autumn Term

Year 4 Newsletter

The Year 4 Team

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Homework

Information regarding the homework that your children will receive in Year 4 can be found on the home learning sheet.

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you all had an exciting and restful summer. We are looking forward to this year and we hope the children are too! There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher at Parents' Meetings, however if in the meantime there is anything you wish to discuss with us, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange an appointment to meet.

Subject Overviews

English

The two topics for English this term are Robin Hood and Science Fiction. Within these topics we will be focusing on the main features of a story by looking at the characters, main themes, events and vocabulary used. The children will have opportunities to retell and compare stories within these lessons as well as carry out a wide range of writing activities including creating posters and writing newspaper reports, character profiles and persuasive pieces of text. The children will also be continuing to develop their grammar and reading comprehension skills as well as their handwriting and spelling.

Maths

Throughout the Autumn term our focus in Maths will be on Number. For the first part of the term we will be focusing on place value before moving onto addition and subtraction. After the half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division before completing the term with measurement work on area. In each area that we cover in Maths the children will be encouraged to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems and develop their reasoning skills.

Science

During the first half term the children will be learning about Living Things. They will be exploring and classifying plants and animals, learning about the difference between flowering and non-flowering plants and learning that environments change depending upon the time of year. We will also be looking at animals with backbones and local birds. The children will use a variety of scientific skills such as classifying, recording, presenting data and using drawings as a way of recording. In the second half term the children will be studying Animals including Humans and will be focussing on their diets, the function of their teeth and the basic digestive system of both. The children will be using a variety of scientific skills and investigations within this topic and to deepen their understanding.

Events

14th September

4FB Pitsford

15th September

4CB Pitsford

3rd-4th October

Parents' Evening Meetings

18th-19th October

Individual School

Photographs

19th October

Spooky Disco

20th October

Harvest Festival at St.
Lawrence Church

3rd November

FONHS Bonfire Night

6th - 10th November

Life Education Centre
Visiting School

9th November

PSHE Cinema Trip

11th December

Y3/4 Christmas Show
Performance

13th December

Whole school Christmas
lunch

Also this term: Into film
festival trip to the cinema

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Computing

In Computing this term the children will be learning how to create blocks of code (algorithms) on Scratch to make figures move around screen. They will also learn how to edit and debug and develop a simple educational game.

Humanities

This half term in History the children will be learning about the Vikings. They will study the dress that the warriors wore, the weapons and armour they used, their use of longships, their homes and the role of women during this period of time.

In the next half term in Geography, the children will be studying India. Within this topic they will explore the culture, the climate, the location and vast range of other facts about India. Our RE topic of Hinduism will coincide with Geography this term. They will study the traditions, festivals and beliefs related to this religion.

PSHE

This half term in PSHE the children will be focussing on leading a healthy lifestyle in our 'Health and Wellbeing' topic. They will be looking at friendships and the bonds that they form.

PE

In Year 4 the children will have PE on Wednesday each week. In these lessons the children will be developing the skills needed to play a game of tag rugby. They will be looking at the healthy lifestyle and diet required to keep fit and healthy and the key aspects of being a good Tag Rugby player.

In the second part of this term, we will be looking at developing the children's social skills and fundamental skills to help them playing any team games. They will be working through different levels of skills and how these can be built upon to begin to playing a game of sport.

Swimming will continue to be on a weekly basis this term and during these lessons we will be focussing on developing the children's front crawl, breast stroke and back stroke. Throughout these lessons the children will also be working on a variety of water skills and building up their confidence as well as stamina within the water. Swimming will be on Tuesdays with Miss Bush's class swimming from 10-10.30am and Miss Bain's class swimming from 10.30-11am. After the October half term, 4FB will swim 10 - 10.30 and 4CB will swim 10.30 - 11.

The Arts

This term in performing arts the children will be looking at use of voice and movement to create characters and settings. They will continue to look at the story of Robin Hood, bringing scenes to life through small dramas. This will support the children in their English work. Further into the term, the focus will switch to music where the children will learn songs relating to harvest and Christmas.

In Art, the children will be focusing on work from different cultures and looking at the processes and visual elements that have been used. Inspired by the work, they will then create their own individual and collaborative pieces. Some of the children's artwork will also be inspired by Viking artefacts.

French

Throughout this term the children will consolidate our previous knowledge. We will extend our range of adjectives and learn how to describe our hair, eyes, size and personality. All lessons will adopt a visual, auditory and kinaesthetic approach to ensure all children are fully engaged in their learning.

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