



Stanburn Primary School

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Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2023 - second half



Key events:

Whole school flu vaccination: Wednesday 1st November

Bag to school (PTA): Friday 3rd November

Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 14th November

Road safety week: Monday 20th November

Parents Evening: Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th November

Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 7th December

PTA Winter Fair: Friday 15th December

End of term: Thursday 21st December at 1:30pm



Welcome to Year 4

Welcome to Year 4's curriculum newsletter. This will provide you with information about what your child will be learning during the second half of the Autumn Term. We have had a fantastic start to the year and your children have settled in incredibly well.

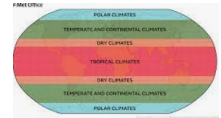
The school target for attendance is **97%**. Currently, Year 4's attendance this half term is 97.7.

Well done, Year 4—keep up the hard work!



Geography

This half term, the children will learn to name and describe the different climate zones. They will recognise that different flora and fauna are adapted for these climate zones. They will then be able to describe what climate change is and the impact it can have on the flora and fauna. The children will then carry out a field study where they will read and explain digital weather information collected in school.



How you can support your child at home:

Home learning will link to areas that have been covered during the week to help consolidate learning. Please ensure home learning is completed each week.

The children will be given spellings to focus on for the week and they will be tested on these at the end of the week. Please ensure that your child is reading at home everyday to develop their reading and comprehension skills.

Please encourage your child to log on to TTRockstars daily and my maths as part of our maths homework. This will develop their quick recall of key facts. year.

Please see the websites below which can support children further with their learning:

[BBC Bitesize—Living Things and Their Habitats](#)

[Oak Academy Reading For Pleasure](#)

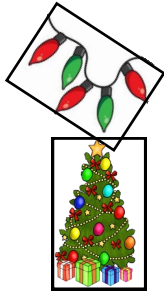
[Oak Academy Ancient Greeks](#)

[BBC Climate Zones Information](#)



RE

As part of Harrow's RE curriculum, children will be learning about the true meaning of Christmas. They will look at what Christmas means to Christians, and how it is celebrated both by Christians and in the secular world.



DT

The pupils will investigate and research different battery operated products. They will then go on to use and apply their developing knowledge in order to design a night light having a specific user in mind. The children will then be making and finally evaluating the nightlight that they have made. This unit will be linked to their previous Science unit about electricity.



History

This half term we will be consolidating the topic of the Ancient Greeks. The children will discover how festivals played an important part of Greek culture and will discover

At the end of the unit, the children will answer their enquiry question "What ways have the Ancient Greeks influenced our lives to-





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This half term, Year 4 will be focusing on a film unit called "Invasions." We will be focusing on developing children's vocabulary and the children will have the opportunity to write a range of different genres such as an adventure story and a diary entry. The children will be taught the features of these along with GPS lessons that are discretely taught.



French

In French this half the term, the children are going to learn how to describe where they live and name different areas of the house.



PE

Indoor PE

This half term the children will be focusing on gymnastics. The children will focus on performing a 6-element sequence that uses changes in speed and direction. They will learn how to take weight on their hands, showing control and perform in a group and with a partner.



Outdoor PE:

The children will be focusing on netball this half term. The children will learn how to protect the ball once they have caught it, practice their shooting techniques and learn how to pivot once they have caught the ball.

Maths

This half term, we will be moving on to a unit of adding and subtracting; the children will be adding and subtracting using formal methods. They will be recapping adding 2 and 3 digit numbers and will be moving on to 4 digit numbers where there is more than one exchange. They will then use their knowledge of inverse operations to check their answers. The children will then apply their knowledge to solve two-step word problems involving addition and subtraction, deciding what operation to use. The children will then move onto multiplication and division.



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Science

In science the children will be continuing with their unit of work on electricity and then moving onto living things and their habitats. The children will learn that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. The children will discover that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers of living things.



Computing

Year 4 will continue to use Purple Mash to develop their computing skills and knowledge. They will recap online safety and this will remain an essential part of our computing curriculum. 4Azure and 4Aqua will be focusing on spreadsheets, where they will learn the features, use tools to make number games and interpret data. 4Indigo and 4Sapphire, will be looking at coding which will build on previous learning, using 'if/else' commands, and other variables including 'repeat until' command.



Music

This half term the children the children will focus on exploring sounds and structure. The children will discover how sounds are produced and classified and then use their voices to make sounds. The children will then focus on structure and learn how to compose and play junk jazz music in a variety of different musical styles.



PSHE (including RHE)

In PSHE this half term, the Jigsaw scheme theme is "Celebrating Differences". Pupils will learn about accepting others and including others when working and playing. They will also learn to identify instances of bullying.

