



Curriculum Newsletter for Year 4

Advent term 2026

RE

- **Creation and Covenant** - Learning about God's covenant with Abraham as the foundation of the faith within the Old and New Testaments.
- **Prophecy and Promise** - Learning about Elijah and John the Baptist and why people needed to be reminded of God's covenant.

English

- **Advent 1 - Phileas Fortune** - Children are concentrating on their VIPERS and writing descriptively
- **Advent 2 - The Wolves in the Walls** - Looking at a new genre of text and focusing on poetry skills
- **Grammar & Punctuation:**
Conjunctions, fronted adverbials, punctuate direct speech, expanded noun phrases, onomatopoeia, possessive apostrophe with plural nouns.

Maths

- **Place Value** - Looking at numbers and partitioning up to 10,000
- **Addition and Subtraction** - Working with exchange and column method.
- **Area** - Working out the area of 2D shapes using the perimeter in cm.
- **Multiplication and Division** - In preparation for the end of year MTC test, we are constantly looking at our times tables.

Science

- **Grouping and classifying living things (Biology)** - Looking at mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians.
- **States of Matter (Chemistry)** - Working with solids, liquids and gases paired with an experiment!

Art/DT

- **Drawing (Art)** - developing their skills to use tone, texture and proportion in their art work.
- **Textiles (DT)** - developing their sewing skills and making a book cover.

History/Geography

- **How have children's lives changed?** - Taking a look into the past at how children were treated and taught in the Victorian and Tudor times.
- **Why are rainforests important to us?** - Looking at the various layers of the rainforest and the animals you might find.

PE

- **Swimming** - Every Wednesday until Christmas break
- **Football** - Team building and ball skills
- **Dodgeball** will be able to build on their agility and hand-eye coordination

PSHE

- **Religious Understanding** - children will understand that we are created by God for love. Looking at friendships and relationships while learning through prayer.

Music/MFL

- **Musical Structures (Music)** - Learning to understand how a piece of music is formed and structured into different sections.
- **Portraits (MFL)** - using describing words to build their vocabulary.
- **Clothes (MFL)** - labelling and using vocabulary to describe clothing.

Computing

- **E-Safety** - Staying safe online using the website Kiddie
- **Computing systems and Networks** - understanding how systems work collaboratively - using Microsoft Office 365 and Google.
- **Programming** - Developing coding skills and building a basic program.

Homework

Spellings will be allocated in the spelling books on a Monday, due for the following Monday. Please encourage your child to use a dictionary at home to understand the meanings of the words. Children will be allocated a new reading book every Monday, please read at least 3 times a week with your child and record this in their Reading Record Book - children are to bring this reading book in every day. MyMaths will also be set on a Monday to be completed by Sunday. TTRockStars should be used at least 10 minutes every day, in preparation for their MTC Test at the end of the year. Please do encourage your child to complete their homework independently so that we can identify any gaps in their learning!