CLASS 4 AUTUMN 2

Dear Parents,
Here are some of the activities we will be covering this half-term. This overview does not include everything that we will be doing, but hopefully it will give you an insight into some of the learning which will be taking place in our classroom.

English

SPaG - This half term we will be heavily focused on the accuracy of basic punctuation (full stops, capital letters, question marks and exclamation marks), the structure of sentences, vocabulary development and handwriting. To support this, we will focus on; adventure stories, character and setting descriptions, diary from a character's perspective, letters and playscripts. The following stimulus will be used to support learning; **The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by CS Lewis, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens and Shriek.**

Class Novel – The Diary of a Christmas Elf by Ben Miller.

Mathematics

- **Addition and Subtraction** – We will be building confidence in using the column method to add and subtract more complex numbers and problems, including questions based on money. Using these strategies when solving one-step word problems
- **Multiplication and Division** - We will develop knowledge of multiples, factors and prime numbers. We will also be developing our written methods so we can calculate larger numbers.

PSHE

Mental Health and Wellbeing
Children will learn how everyday habits help keep their minds and bodies healthy. They will explore different emotions and their intensity, how feelings affect behaviour, and strategies for managing strong feelings, distractions and setbacks. We will sensitively explore change, loss and grief, recognising that everyone responds differently. Children will also learn when and how to seek support from trusted adults at home and school, particularly when difficult feelings are strong or long-lasting.

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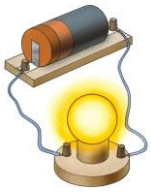


How and why is Advent important to Christians?
This half term children will be able to describe the key features of advent, make links between these features and beliefs about Jesus and the Christmas Story. Children will make links between the beliefs expressed through Bible passages particularly focusing on Isaiah 9.



Science

What is Electricity?
The children will recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not the lamp lights in a simple series circuit. Identify common appliances that run on electricity. They will construct a simple circuit and recognise some common conductors and insulators. Children will know who Michael Faraday was and learn about his life and work.



Music – Year 3

Year 3 children will continue to have recorder lessons with Mrs Unwin on Friday mornings.

French

Phonics and I am Learning French - Children will continue developing their understanding of the French language through games and songs.

Computing



Programming with Scratch
Project: How do you create a spirograph?
Children will use Scratch to draw a range of shapes and spirographs with varying degrees of complexity.
* Online Safety – will continue to be taught as required.

Design and Technology

Textiles
2D shape to 3D Product – Design and make a pencil case by joining fabrics using different techniques e.g. running stitch, glue, over stitch, stapling. Explore different finishing techniques e.g., using painting, fabric crayons, stitching, sequins, buttons, and ribbons.

History

How have prehistoric technical advances affected us?
Stone Age to the Iron Age – a look into the development of tools and technical equipment and how they helped us advance between the ages.



KS2 Christmas Production – Primary School Musical.

Through-out this half-term the children will be rehearsing and preparing for the Christmas Production. If your child has a 'speaking' part, you will receive a letter detailing costume information and a copy of the line/s they will need to learn.

Please can you encourage and support your child to learn their lines.

PE – Monday and Friday

Gymnastics (Balancing Act) – children will work in small groups to create a gymnastic sequence with six actions on floor, mats and apparatus.
Games –This term we will also be working on skills linked to the sport of Tennis.
**Note: children should make sure their PE kits are in school every day as we may take advantage of the drier days for PE across Autumn term.*

Note: Remember, daily reading and regular use of both TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed should be encouraged and supported. Homework will be issued on a Friday and is due back in school the following Wednesday.